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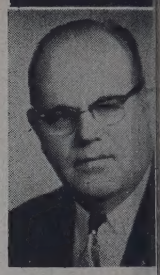
MODERN-DAY JERUSALEM

1963 ENDEAVORER OF THE YEAR

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Harold E. Westerhoff

In this 82nd anniversary year the International Society of Christian Endeavor, with the help of local societies and unions, will again seek out a Christian Endeavorer of the Year.

Scores of Christian Endeavorers are doing outstanding and exceptional work in their societies, churches, schools, and communities as they demonstrate their allegiance to Christ from day to day. The International Society desires to recognize the outstanding young person as well as to encourage young people in their Christian witness. Any Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico which enrolls in the 1963 Society Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

The first award will be an all-expense paid trip (to a maximum of $150) to the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Washington, July 2-6, plus hotel and meal costs at the fabulous Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington for five nights' lodging (dormitory style rooms, four or more to a room) Tuesday through Saturday and all breakfasts and evening meals Wednesday through Saturday, plus a free registration worth $4.

The next three runners-up will receive free hotel and meals as described above, worth $42.50, along with the free registration worth $4.

The basis of awards will be a nomination by a Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group. The form for nomination will be sent to any of these organizations which enroll during December, January, February, or March in the 1963 Society Roll Call. In addition, the organizations which enroll will receive a handsome enrollment certificate suitable for framing and hanging. Organizations giving $15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seal certificates go to those groups giving $30. Gifts of $ or more earn a gold seal certificate.

Persons nominated must have pass their 12th birthday but must not ha reached their 22nd birthday by Feb ary 28, 1963. Any person nominat must be an active member of a Ch tian Endeavor society. The complet nomination forms must be received the International Society in Columb Ohio, not later than April 15, 19 The winners will be selected by a boa of International judges appointed the International Society of Christi Endeavor. The decisions of the jud are final and will be announced on M 25, 1963.

Who will be the 1963 Endeavorer the Year? He or she may be in yo church! Every society and union ou to name someone. It's very simple! J see that your society or union is rolled during December, January, Feb ary, or March in the 1963 Society R Call.

Facts for February

2—Christian Endeavor's 82nd birthday

Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor

4—Deadline for entries in the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program

Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor

9—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon

Contact: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, 5550 N.W. 185th Avenue, Portland 10, Oregon

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Jerusalem will be one of the thrilling places visited by Endeavorers on the Bible Lands and Southern Europe Fellowship Tour July 22 to August 21, 1963. Turn to the back cover of this issue for more details.

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EV. CHRISTIAN A. TIRRE, International Society educa-ional secretary, at microphone during sessions with James R. Westerhoff, Council chairman, and Phyllis I. Rike, recorder, at head table.

BUZZ GROUPS discuss Senior High-Young People's topics during presentations by working committees of the Council.

YOUTH DELEGATES plan Saturday night Christian Endeavor meeting under direction of David Hildreth (third from left).

1962 Executives' Program Council brings Christian Endeavor leaders together for four days of intensive study

TOP–LEVEL CONFERENCE

PROGRAM, plans, materials, and emphases of the Christian Endeavor movement were uppermost in the minds of the leaders who participated in the 1962 Executives' Program Council.

Over seventy-five Endeavorers from all parts of the United States and from Canada met November 29 to December 2 in Columbus, Ohio, for these annual sessions. Many phases of the work were reviewed as leaders shared ideas and studied materials.

A high light of the meetings was the fellowship banquet on Friday night with Timothy J. Kribs of Roachdale, Indiana, associate president of the International Society, as toastmaster. Banquet song leader was Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of both the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Theme for the banquet was the Bible Lands and Southern Europe Fellowship Tour scheduled for the summer of 1963.

Arch J. McQuilkin of Strafford, Pennsylvania, was the banquet speaker. Mr. McQuilkin, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society and a former vice-president, urged leaders to appreciate what we have in Christian Endeavor. Using the Scripture "The people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6), he challenged all to dedicate themselves to the tasks at hand. He emphasized the primary purpose of winning youth for Christ and urged each one present to visit churches in his own community and spread the Christian Endeavor story.

The sessions opened Thursday, November 29, with the keynote message by Bishop Meadows, whose home is in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He spoke on "The Way of the Lord" (John 14:1-11), following up the World's Convention theme "Jesus Christ . . . the Way." He emphasized that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation, to real life, happiness, and peace, to God and at last to Heaven. Bishop Meadows gave a devotional meditation on "The Hand of the Lord" (Revelation 1:10-18) on Friday morning and "The Voice of the Lord" (John 1:1-10) on Saturday morning.

Headquarters associates were hosts at an informal reception on Thursday night at Christian Endeavor headquarters. A feature of this visit to 1221 East Broad Street in Columbus was an "autograph party" by Bishop Meadows for his book, "Why We Choose Christ."

A two-session study course on program planning for the local union was taught by Rev. Alexander C. Wilson, field secretary of the New Jersey Union. He emphasized the importance of the county or area union in the total Christian Endeavor organiza-

(Please turn to next page)

REVIEWING INVITATIONS for the 1965 International Convention to come to Dallas are (left to right) Bishop Clyde W. Meadows; Charles C. Meek, Texas Union president; Mary Moffitt, Southwestern Region vice-president; Harold E. Westerhoff; and Mrs. Charles C. Meek.

HEADQUARTERS ASSOCIATES who served as hosts and hostes at the Thursday night reception include (left to right) Audrey Days, Sandra King, Muriel N. McMullen, Patty K. Johnson, M John C. Tope, Mrs. H. H. Hughes, and Roberta Jackson. pictured are Mrs. Gene Brown, Carl F. Herrman, and Carol Ho man, who also assisted during the fellowship event.

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tion and urged leaders to organize new unions and reactivate those not functioning to full capacity.

"Eight Tests Spot Initiative" was the title of two graphic presentations by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Union and extension representative of the International Society. Mr. Dunn gave these tests for discovering people with initiative and for checking personal need for improvement:

Does he present problems or solutions?
Does he use available resources?
Does he know the facts?
Are his reports in proportion to results?
Does he get discouraged easily?
Does he finish the job?
Does he rattle?
Does he meet deadlines?

In a two-session series on "Dynamic Conventions and Rallies" Rev. Christian A. Tirre, educational secretary of the International Society, used a panel to present seven "keys." The panel included Lavern Billig, Pennsylvania Union president; Rev. Robert Hess, general secretary, California Union; Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary, Oregon Union; and Cecil A. Jeffery, general secretary, Ohio Union. The seven "keys" emphasized were: prayerful planning, dynamic speakers, continuous publicity, educational conferences, adequate locations, special high lights, and inspiring music.

A pictorial report of Christian Endeavor during the past year was narrated by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union. A number of slides were shown of the World's Convention in Sydney and of contacts with Endeavorers made on the Round-the-Pacific Tour last August.

Mr. Tirre told of preparations for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week January 27-February 3 and outlined plans for the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program, now under way.

The editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, Phyllis I. Rike, reported many changes in the publication beginning August 1962. She also indicated that Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Posters will soon appear on poster boards across the country.

Saturday evening a Christian Endeavor meeting on the four basic principles of the movement was led by youth delegates under the direction of David Hildreth of Columbus, Ohio, vice-chairman of the Youth Assembly.

The closing service of worship and communion Sunday morning was led by Bishop Meadows, who spoke on "Behold the Man!" (John 19:1-7). Newly-elected Council officers were installed by Harold Westerhoff.

Song leader during the sessions was Timothy Kribs. Pianists were Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., of Kinzers, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Christian A. Tirre, Columbus, Ohio.

James R. Westerhoff of Hawthorne, New Jersey, was 1962 Council chairman. He is serving as vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region.

The Executives' Program Council meets annually. Included in its membership are denominational youth workers; presidents and employed field, executive, and general secretaries of Christian Endeavor unions; International Society officers; and youth delegates appointed by the unions. The Council carries out its work through four committees—Educational, Children's Work, Youth Work, and Adult Work.

AUTOGRAPHING COPIES of his book "Why We Choose Christ" for Violet Keith (center) and Mrs. Petty Mangum, delegates from Alabama, is Bishop Clyde W. Meadows.

Dr. W. N. Gibson of Newburgh, diana, General Baptist leader, succe James Westerhoff as chairman of Council. Vice-chairmen are Dorothy Howes and Gordon McMordie, gene secretary of the Pennsylvania Uni Secretary is Mary Moffitt of Dal Texas, vice-president of the Internatio Society in charge of the Southwest Region.

Committees were elected as follows

Educational Committee—Pau Hurley, chairman, Rev. Charles Barner, Rev. Walter M. Burkhold Elwood Dunn, Dr. Earle W. Gates, W. N. Gibson, Rev. Robert Hess, R Enoch B. Rochester, and Flore Zimmerman.

Children's Work Committee Florence Zimmerman, chairman; M Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., Mrs. Clare A. Kopp, Jr., and Mrs. Christian Tirre.

Youth Work Committee — Elwo Dunn, chairman; Rev. Clair E. Beat Rev. Edgar L. Mack, Charles A. M thews, Rev. C. K. Nicholson, R Harry A. Shuster, Jr., Rev. Nathan VanderWerf, and Rev. Alexander Wilson.

Adult Work Committee — Dr. Ea W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, R Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna S

Dates for next year's meetings of t Executives' Program Council are Dece ber 5-8 in Columbus, Ohio. Da selected for 1964 are December 3-6.

PARTICIPANTS in the "Know Your America Week" program are (left to right) Margaret Leseiko, who spoke on social problems; Albert Moore, Program Committee chairman; Harry Holmes, speaker on religion; Dr. W. W. McKinney, pastor; Dr. Joseph Benkert, education; and Manual Wood, labor. Missing is Robert Hamilton, government.

"Know Your America Week" Observance To Be Citizenship Awards Program Entry

Have you completed your project for e 1963 Citizenship Awards Program?

High School Endeavorers of First resbyterian Church in Ambridge, Penn-lvania, have successfully finished at ast one portion of their activity. On ovember 24 they held a very successful Know Your America Week" program ith youth of the church, parents, and iends as guests. Adult speakers in-uded Dr. Joseph Benkert, curriculum rector at Ambridge High School, whose bject was "Education's Part in Pre-ewing America's Freedom"; Manual ood, staff representative of District 20, nited Steelworkers of America, who scussed the part labor can play; and mbridge Assemblyman Robert K. Ham-on, who discussed the place of gov-nment in combating Communism. En-avorers participating included Harry olmes, program leader, who discussed eligion, and Margaret Leseiko, whose bject was social welfare. Minister of e church is Dr. W. W. McKinney.

ints for Project Reports

Activity completed? Then here are me helpful hints for preparing an ef-ctive report. Keep in mind the pur-se of your entry—to give a graphic picture in words and illustrations of your society activity. Your report should show group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which the activity implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and its Christian witness to the community.

A good outline might include Title, Purpose, Introduction (information about group and purposes of the activity), Description of Activity (as detailed as possible, with all supporting information which is available) and Summary (review accomplishments).

February 4 Deadline

Fill out the entry form, attach selected materials describing the activity—written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.—and mail the form with all accompanying materials by first-class mail to the Citizenship Director of the International Society. Be sure your entry bears a postmark dated no later than February 4 and that it will reach Columbus by 12:00 noon February 15.

Your society may be among one of the top 18 winners which will receive a total of approximately $1,500 in cash, trips, plaques, and certificates. Winners will be announced April 25.

ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

Valid only if postmarked by Monday, February 4, 1963, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by 12:00 o'clock noon, Friday, Februry 15, 1963)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in our attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. ll participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which re final.

INVEST IN A VITAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

YOU CAN HELP...

- stem juvenile delinquency
- win youth to Jesus Christ
- train Christian leaders

Invest in Christian Endeavor

YOU MAY BECOME...

- an Annual Member at $15
- an Annual Member with your own Doubling at $30
- a Sustaining Annual Member at $50 or more

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

Several generous friends of Christian Endeavor are making plans to "double" any Fifteen Dollar memberships received before February 28.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

1221 East Broad Street

Columbus 16, Ohio

ENROLL TODAY

ABOVE—Capital Area Convention Committee is shown meet November 4 in Washington. LEFT—Heading the commitee (left to right) seated—Phil C. Reed, associate chairman; Alde Imus, Jr., general chairman; Mrs. Bessie M. Underwood, se tary; standing—Charles O. Heyward, vice-chairman; Harry Lentz, vice-chairman; Joseph A. Barnes, Golden Rule Union re sentative; Alfred Saunders, vice-chairman; Dean R. Miller, tre urer; and Clenzo Miles, vice-chairman. Another vice-chairm Robert Crammer, is not shown.

Capital Area Convention Committee Ready for Actio

Endeavorers in Washington, D. C., and in Maryland and Virginia are ready to go for Washington 1963!

Alden E. Imus is general chairman of the Capital Area Convention Committee, which is making all local arrangements. The Executive Committee includes the following: associate chairman, Phil C. Reed; vice-chairman—registrations, Robert R. Crammer; vice-chairman—hospitality, Alfred Saunders; vice-chairman—arrangements, Harry A. Lentz; vice-chairman—public relations; Charles O. Heyward; vice-chairman—finance and Golden Rule president, Clenzo Miles; treasurer, Dean R. Miller; secretary, Mrs. Bessie M. Underwood; Virginia Union representative, Frank P. Wilson; Golden Rule Union representative, Joseph A. Barnes; Maryl Union representative, Nellie V. Griffin; D. C. Union re sentative, Vernon Keen; D. C. Alumni representative, Me L. Smith; James A. Brown Association representative, Mary F. Brown; pastor counselors, Rev. Harry V. Porter Rev. Carlton Veazy; and International Society gen secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff.

The local committee is enthusiastic about plans for si seeing trips to numerous places of interest in and near Nation's Capital. Also plans are going forward for Christian Witness Parade Saturday afternoon, July 6, w delegates will have the opportunity to march in the n of Christ down famed Constitution Avenue.

ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Christian Endeavorers took a prominent part in the 13th annual meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism held November 1-3 in Philadelphia. Arch J. McQuilkin headed up the local committee, which included Frances M. Becker, Mrs. Alice Thornton, and John Waddell.

TOP — Officers of the All-American Conference elected at the annual meeting are (left to right) Harold E. Westerhoff, secretary; Edward Papantonio (Veterans of Foreign Wars), chairman; and Dr. George L. Ford (executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals), chairman, Executive Council. BOTTOM—Harold Westerhoff moderates panel during Youth Session which includes David Breese (left) of Youth for Christ.

Honor Societies May-October

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1962 Society Roll Call.

Organizations listed below contributed from May 1 through October 31. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; red seals represent a gift of $30; and blue seals, a contribution of $15.

Gold Seal

First Church of Evans, Derby, New York
Philadelphia Longtimers Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Education Committee, First Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois
Southwest Area Post-High, Grand Rapids, Michigan
York County High School Union, York, Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Roanoke Baptist Church, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas
Capital View Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
Intermediate, Hope Reformed Church, Chicago, Illinois
Alumni Association of Vermilion County, Danville, Illinois
Senior, Grace Reformed Church of Lansing, Lansing, Illinois
Senior, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois
College Park United Brethren Church, Hunting Indiana
Sebree General Baptist Church, Sebree, Kent
Varick, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Ri wood, New Jersey
Young People's, Olivet Presbyterian Chu Staten Island, New York
Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Liberty, N Carolina
Junior, Edgewood Chapel United Brethren Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Young People's, Edgewood Chapel United Br ren in Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Senior, Fourth of Bruce, Tiverton, Ontario
First Church of Christ, Bloomsburg, Pennsylv
Senior, Seibert Evangelical Congregatio Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Disston Memorial United Presbyterian Chu Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior, Prince Street United Brethren Chu Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
West Grove Presbyterian Church, West Gr Pennsylvania
Senior Youth Fellowship, First Reformed Chu Oostburg, Wisconsin

Report Birthday Activities!

Societies and unions — report your Christian Endeavor Week events promptly! Send pictures, programs, and complete information to Phyllis I. Rike, editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Deadline for the March issue is February 4; for the April issue, March 4.

NEWS AND VIEWS

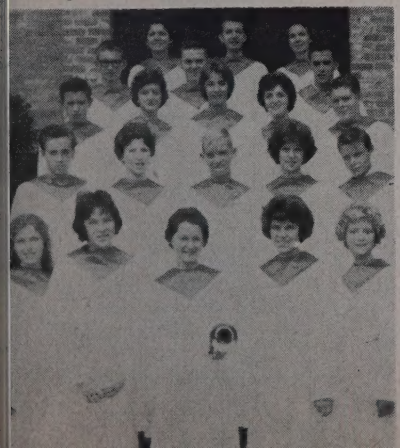
Photo by Jim Harrelson

NJOYING FELLOWSHIP with Texas ndeavorers during his November sit, Harold E. Westerhoff is shown ith these Dallas leaders: standing—onald Cole (left) and Rev. A. A. Harian; seated (left to right)—Mrs. Bill illeford, Mrs. A. A. Harman, Mary offitt, Mr. Westerhoff, Sandy Capps, nd Mrs. Donald Cole.

AT 7:00 A.M. on the first Sunday of ch month Michigan Union officers join prayer for Christian Endeavor. In 963 why not join with them in this ayer tryst? Begin January 6 at 7:00 .M.

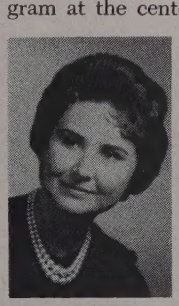
"PACIFIC ARCADIA," an article by Dr. aniel A. Poling in the December issue CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, is special interest to Endeavorers. Dr. oling tells of his visit to Tonga last mmer in connection with the World's onvention in Sydney.

EMBERS of the Senior Christian Enavor Youth Choir of Central Taberacle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, re very proud of their new robes, cured as a group project. On the cond Sunday of every month, desigated "Youth Sunday," the choir furishes all music for both morning and vening services.



• WHO WILL LEAD THE PARADE? Unions in the United States and Canada are beginning a Registration Contest in connection with the Washington 1963 Convention which will determine parade positions as well as choice convention seats. Monthly cash and subscription awards and special awards for registrars are contest features. All unions are urged to appoint a Washington registrar at once.

• ONTARIO United Brethren Endeavorers held a surprise Recognition Banquet November 3 at Bloem Avenue Church in Toronto, to honor their Bishop, Clyde W. Meadows. Tributes were given by Miriam Hilborn, Rev. Glen Betterly, and Clyde Sherk. A unique centerpiece was a carved, lighted ice cross with the Christian Endeavor monogram at the center.



MRS. B. W. MCPHERSON, the former Nathalia Teague, heads the North Carolina Union this year. With her husband in the Army stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Nathalia keeps busy working as a secretary at the Vick Manufacturing Division of Richardson-Merrell, Inc., in Greensboro. She has been active in Christian Endeavor for ten years, having served as president of Alamance County, co-editor of the TAR HEEL BULLETIN, and state recording secretary. She is a member of Pleasant Hill Congregational Christian Church of the United Church of Christ in Liberty.

• STAMPS SAVE SOULS, says Rev. Frank Brosend of Newburgh, Indiana. This General Baptist minister requests that canceled postage stamps (any kind) be sent to him. He sorts them and sends them to Cook Christian Training School in Arizona and to Japanese Evangelical Overseas Mission. He makes no profit, but "makes stamp collecting a business for the Lord."

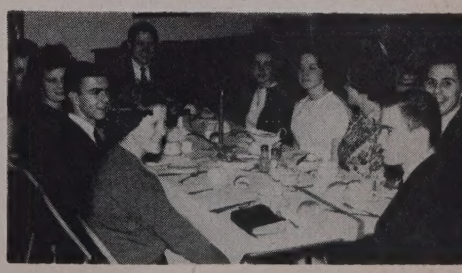
• PACIFIC REGION Endeavorers are urged to participate in the regional conference February 9 in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Etta V. Berger, regional vice-president, reports the sessions will be held 9:30 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A.

GENE FINK, newly-elected Missouri Union president, is shown with Claudean Eddington, retiring president, at the state convention in St. Louis November 2-4. Mr. Fink served as president 1957-59, immediately preceding Miss Eddington, who held the office for three years.

• "WHY WE CHOOSE CHRIST" is the name of Bishop Clyde W. Meadows' popular book, now available from the International Society Publishing Department at $2.50. Bishop Meadows is president of both the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

WEST BRANCH Endeavorers at the Philadelphia Intermediate Convention Banquet included Bob McKemey (right front) branch president, and (behind Bob) Frank Kolb, branch superintendent and youth director of Woodland Avenue United Presbyterian Church. Convention theme was "To Live Is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). The program included a basketball game on November 23 and a day of events November 24, including Quiet Hour, conferences and workshops, the banquet, and a closing rally. Intermediate Union president is Harold Byer.

Photo by Gordon McMordie



Party Plans MARCH HAR

by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Dav

The date-watch time shows (date)
The time will be (time) p.m. or _____ hours past brillig.* Follow the MARCH HARE for Adventures with the (society) at (place).
*(brillig is 4 p.m., remember)

You've met the MARCH HARE in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.* Use this delightful creature and Alice's other friends of *Adventures* and *Through the Looking Glass* to launch an imaginative Christian Endeavor social time!

This can be a wonderful costume party if each guest comes as one of Lewis Carroll's characters. At least, have three of the committee be Alice, the March Hare, and the Mad Hatter for the evening.

Your committee planning will be more creative if each member reviews the story. Have a copy of the book at your meeting, too.

PUBLICITY

Advance promotion of posters, flyers, announcements can feature pictures and quotations from the stories, with enough Jabberwocky to stimulate interest. The John Tenniel illustrations are probably most readily recognized.

Decorations in the party room can be definitely *Mad March Hare and Alice:* a large mushroom (from a beach umbrella) and your own version of a blue Caterpillar; a large key on a high table; small morsels of food in a box marked *Eat Me* on a low table; a small golden key on a low table.

Guests enter through a clearly marked *Rabbit Hole* which can be as elaborate as you wish, especially if the party is in a basement. Each one must drink a small paper cup of liquid from a large bottle of colored lemonade labeled Drink Me. Then he can enter the party room through a very small door which can be constructed of cardboard fitted into a regular doorway. (Any illusion you can create about change of size will help; try to have Alice replaced occasionally by a small girl dressed identically.)

For teams for the party games, give each guest a name tag picturing a character such as the *Dodo, Mouse, Caterpillar, Cheshire-Cat, Gryphon,* and *Mock Turtle.*

As the *Rabbit-Hole* fills, guests can try to name the characters represented by costumes, if this is a costume party. If guests aren't in costume, have each make himself a set of *March Hare* ears to wear during the evening, fashioned from construction paper and floral wire.

GAME SUGGESTIONS

• Mad March. Pair off the guests, at no time allowing two persons from the same team to march together. The March Hare and the Mad Hatter lead in a follow-the-leader-style march. They give odd commands for marchings, such as "Dodos and Gryphons pair up and march backwards. Others change partners and hop a little faster." At the close of the march the leaders instruct all the persons from each te to drop out at certain sections of the room so they will together as a team for the next game.

• Pencil and paper (or chalkboard) games. 1. Teams given a specified time to list as many characters as possi from *Wonderland* and the *Looking Glass.* 2. Join the Ma Hare, Alice, the Dormouse, and the Mad Hatter for so Mad Tea Party riddles, "What kind of tea?" These can listed on prepared papers, or teams can call out the answ to keep the Dormouse awake. Some examples:

Cat trait (curiosity)	Best policy (honesty)
Never faileth (charity)	Live wire jolt (electricity)
Criminals dread (captivity)	The soul of wit (brevity)
The upper crust (society)	Everlasting (eternity)
Spice of life (variety)	Safety from harm (securit
Freedom (liberty)	Measure of speed (velocity

• Relays adapted from the stories, as a *White Rabbit Rel* The head person of each team is given a pair of old wh gloves; a cardboard fan is placed on a chair about twer feet in front of each team's line. At a signal from the Mar Hare, the players don the white gloves, shout "I'm late, I late!" while racing up to the fan. When they reach the f each runs around the chair in front of his line while fran cally fanning himself, then places the fan back on the ch and rushes back to the next player to give him the wh gloves. The next player repeats the performance. The fi team to finish wins, unless you want to be illogically Ali and reward the losing teams.

• Charades could depict only *Wonderland,* or *Looking Gl* characters.

• A stunt (pre-planned) would be a natural from su episodes or poems as *"How doth the little crocodile," "The Walrus and the Carpenter."*

• Dramatic readings of the Jabberwocky or other poems a also amusing.

REFRESHMENTS

The centerpiece for the *Mad Tea Party* time might be stuffed toy rabbit portraying the March Hare. If you ha rubber or plastic animals, you might re-construct the po incident.

Pour the beverage from teapots: appropriate snacks cou be small cakes, or tarts—or *Beautiful Soup.*

DEVOTIONS

During the closing moments of the party, probably in friendship circle, relate the party theme to the Christi life by pointing out that while Alice could change herse physically to meet almost every occasion, we cannot. Stres however, that we can cultivate some similar traits in o spiritual lives: being big enough in courage and consecratio to meet the big tasks or problems which we confront; bein lowly enough to have true humility to do our Master's wi Philippians 4:11-13 can be quoted here as well as Hebrew 13:8. Close with a song and prayer. Don't forget to invi your guests to the next Christian Endeavor meeting an to the church services.

Program Plans

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

By
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APRIL-JUNE TOPICS

Date	Topic
April 7	**Is Your Heart in It?** (mere profession of allegiance to Christ is not enough)
April 14	**New Easter Clothes** (the Christian's new clothes made possible by Christ)
April 21	**Conquering Inner Space Monsters** (the struggle for self-control)
April 28	**How Honest Are You?** (honesty in every situation of life)
May 5	**Wearing Somebody Else's Shoes** (the golden rule takes on realistic meaning)
May 12	**King and Queen for Every Day** (respect and obedience toward parents)
May 19	**A Home or a Hotel** (Christian virtues make a real home)
May 26	**Homes of Tomorrow** (how a real home is built)
June 2	**The Mustard Seed** (how the church spread throughout the world)
June 9	**Our Growing Church** (the outreach of your church in the world)
June 16	**The Andrew Club** (personal evangelism)
June 23	**How to Become a Juvenile Delinquent** (the close connection between Christian principles and good citizenship)
June 30	**What I Owe My Country** (the privileges of citizenship)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

April

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Are you meeting regularly? re these meetings planned and conducted in such a way that ey accomplish a real purpose? . . . Why not have a spring eckup to see how well you've done in accomplishing your als for the first part of this year and to get organized for finish- g this year successfully? . . . Your society is depending on your adership. Don't let them down!

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Appoint leaders well in ad- ance and be prepared to give them suggestions and help in lanning and presenting the programs. . . . Announce the topics d leaders for this month by a 4-page calendar on your bulletin oard. . . . Easter is April 14. Decorate your meeting room for at meeting.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Easter is the time when many new ersons attend church. It's also one of the Sundays of the year hen those who attend irregularly come. Have your committee embers on the lookout for any Junior Highs among the new the irregular attenders. Give them a special welcome and an vitation to your Christian Endeavor meetings. Tell them ex- ctly when and where you meet. You might even hand them opies of this information or offer to bring them. Demonstrate sincere interest and friendliness. Be certain to get the names nd addresses of the new Junior Highs. Follow up with letters, hone calls, and personal visits.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Challenge the members of your ociety to give a real self-denial offering for the missionary work f your church. Promote the offering by announcements, poster, r skit. . . . If you have not yet had a missionary speak to your roup this year, try to make arrangements for one to come. . . . o present this month's missionary, make a booklet or scrapbook ut of construction paper. Include pictures, map, information bout the missionary and a letter from him or her to your society.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: During this month's social meeting ake Mother's Day gifts such as wall plaques, hot-pan holders, prinkling bottles painted and decorated with decals. Listen to vorite sacred recordings as you work. Conclude your meeting ith devotions and light refreshments.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Encourage and enlist ne attendance and participation of your society's members in the aster services of your church. Ask your pastor for specific ideas r your group to carry out. . . . Now is the time to give your eeting room a spring look. . . . Rake lawns or wash cars to earn oney for new draperies, storage cabinet, or any other item your om may need.

May

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: In your business and devotional meetings, pray for the coming International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 2-6, in Washington, D.C. Urge associate members as well as active members to attend this convention. Be enthusiastic about it! Have registration blanks available.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Do your meetings begin and end on time? They should. . . . A few shoes could be used as a center of interest for the May 5 meeting. . . . Here's an idea you could use to present the Bible readings for the May 12 meeting: have one person read the passage, a second person tell it in his own words, a third person present a thought or challenge from it. Have all three stand together and give their parts in order.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Are you faithfully following up absentees, and looking for new prospects? . . . May 5-12 is Family Week. Suggest that each member of your society sit together with his or her family at one of the church services on May 5 or 12. Perhaps this will help some of your members to get their parents to attend a church service. If there are those whose parents or guardians cannot attend, invite them to sit with other members and their families. Tell your pastor about this plan.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: In keeping with this month's emphasis on the home, have a table display (use doll house) or poster on the bulletin board which visualizes that our *Jerusalem* (Acts 1:8) is our home. . . . This month offer special prayer for missionary parents and their children, some of whom are widely separated.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Plan a parents' party. If the weather permits, have it outdoors. Have a wiener roast followed by a program of devotions, skits, charades, and stunts, with both parents and Junior Highs participating.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Spend a Saturday helping your church custodian beautify your church lawn. . . . Check with the vacation Bible school director to see if there are things your group can do to help prepare for the school. . . . If your church has an intermediate camp, publicize it and have registration blanks available. . . . Together with the Missionary Committee make May baskets for shut-ins.

June

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: You can keep your society going strong during the summer months—if you will! Pray about it; then do something. Publicity, interesting meetings, and other activities which are well planned can mean the difference between your society's "folding up" or going on this summer.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Work and pray for interesting and effective programs to deepen the spiritual lives of your group. . . . In connection with the first three topics of this month, urge members to read the Acts of the Apostles. Suggest that they read from the Phillips or Norlie translation. . . . The Missionary Committee will be responsible for the June 9 program and the Lookout Committee for the June 16 program. . . . At the June 30 meeting, plan a society project that will express your appreciation for your country and its way of life.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Be responsible for planning and presenting the June 16 program. For part of this program have a sword drill in reverse: in response to the leader's directions, those present see who can find a verse first; for example, the leader might say, "Find a verse that says all men are sinners before God."

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Plan the June 9 devotional program. Give your meeting room a mission atmosphere by displaying a globe or map of the world, curios from foreign countries, etc. . . . Take leftover Sunday school papers to hospitals, barber shops, etc.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a party with decorations, games, and refreshments typical of those of some foreign country. Continue the foreign theme in your devotional time.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Promote your church's vacation Bible school and attend the class for Junior Highs or assist with younger classes.

Program Plans

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davi

APRIL-JUNE TOPICS

Date	Topic
April 7	**The Extraordinary Way of Life** (going beyond the call of duty)
April 14	**Eternal Life—Now and Forever** (eternal life is also a present-day possession)
April 21	**When You've Had It** (God's help is near)
April 28	**Three Dangerous Robbers** (attitudes that rob young people of choice values)
May 5	**Straight A at Home** (how you rate at home)
May 12	**Mother the Incomparable** (elements that make a mother incomparable)
May 19	**Home—a Spiritual Oasis** (elements that make the home a spiritual oasis)
May 26	**Tripping Over the Trivial** (a fad or something that really counts)
June 2	**"A Sound from Heaven"** (a survey of the events of Pentecost)
June 9	**Scattered Coals** (the persecution of the early church)
June 16	**Effervescent Evangels** (the kind of youth needed to spread the Gospel today)
June 23	**Eternal Liberties** (the liberties the Christian faith fosters)
June 30	**My Country—My People** (the best ways youth can serve their country as Christians)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

April

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Inform all members of summer conventions, state and provincial leadership schools. Plan for funds to help send delegates.

Plan to help serve (or do it alone) Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquets, or Mother-Son and Father-Daughter events.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Show an outstanding Easter film, well-publicized. Take a free-will offering.

Ask your minister to talk to the group about his conception of eternal life, and to answer questions.

Have a consecration meeting after the April 28 discussion; stress "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength . . . ."

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Send another newsletter (unless you've established a monthly publication) about Easter services, mailed in advance to college students and armed forces personnel. Include, too, Lenten meditations.

Those away from home may also appreciate receiving a copy of the church bulletin each week.

Re-study your committee duties; compare them with performance.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Assign members of the committee to study Easter observances in other countries. Point out that all teach the same truth: eternal life.

Perhaps a missionary home on furlough can tell of personal Easter season experiences.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: An "April Showers" party, featuring hurry-canes, muddle-puddles, strain-storms, and Windy Willie the Weatherman.

• CHURCH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Cooperate with other organizations of your church or with other youth groups to have an Easter Sunrise Service. Serve a simple breakfast afterward.

Offer to take definite responsibility for a part of the Holy Week services.

May

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Help all the committees set up complete summer plans, including conventions, recreation, devotional meetings, missionary projects, publicity, home church assistance.

Work with committees during this busy month to insure an effective emphasis on home life and on honoring graduates.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Present problems at a teen-age-parent panel with a professional Christian guidance counselor as moderator.

Encourage each member to give his mother the day off on Mother's Day.

Suggest ways for family devotions; provide worship materials.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Keep in touch especially wi members graduating from high school or college. Honor the with a dinner or other special occasion. You might invite th parents, too, for a "Proud Parents" night.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Describe the home life of son missionaries, from personal letters and from study, to use as pa of the May 19 meeting. Choose one or more missionary famili to present to your society this month by way of pictures, inform tion, stories, letters, etc.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Hold a Family Night, with a turee supper or one prepared by the young people. For the evenir entertainment, have a game night for all ages, with several gam happening simultaneously—or, an All-Talent night featurir talent by family groups and much singing—or, an indoor Circ to please the family.

• CHURCH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Survey the membe ship to find who will be willing to help with the summer churc program, and offer services to the church administration for the planning.

If there are young people interested in being counselors Christian camps, inform your denominational leaders or a cam ing association.

June

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Finish convention registratio and fund-planning for the 47th International Christian Endeav Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6; cooperate with ar societies on transportation, parade floats, costumes. Meet wi delegates about attending the conferences; be sure they cover many instruction-areas as possible.

Evaluate the meeting night set-up of the past year. Should it l changed next fall?

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Read Acts 2 in several ve sions, until all have grasped the meaning. Assign a short perio of time to write the text in their own words. For extra assigr ments, study the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Include college youth in summer meeting plans.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Be certain that everyone has copy of the summer plans; post one on the bulletin board.

If promotion is in June, help other age groups with promotio plans. If you do not have Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senic High, Young People, and Adult, consider further grading societies.

Don't allow your committee to fall into a "Summer slump. Keep on the lookout for all your members and prospects! As those who go on vacation to attend Christian Endeavor wher they're visiting and bring back any new ideas they get there.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Check with publishing house for free outdated material to send to overseas missionaries.

Survey the need for summer missionary work in your area trained young people may be home on vacation to help. Is ther a need for Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, or Sunday mornin church services in a nearby public campsite or recreation spot Are there migrant workers in your area?

Have about two members of your committee serve as librarian this month to be in charge of circulating missionary books.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a "Progressive Picnic," wit first course, main meal, and dessert several miles apart. An out of-town religious service may be your destination, or have you own at a special location.

• CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Help promote Vacation Bible School attend if there are Senior High-Young People classes, or offe your services. If any officer or committee chairman has to b gone for more than two weeks, you should make certain tha someone else takes his place until he returns.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

Venture With Christ

Mark 10:17-21

(Christian Endeavor Day)

Aims

1. To help every Junior High to become enthusiastic in his desire to venture with Christ.
2. To really understand what is meant by venturing with Christ.
3. To venture with Christ in daily life and to learn how to persevere in this venture.

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service
Hymns: *O Worship the King*
My Jesus, I Love Thee
cripture Reading: Mark 10:17-21
entence Prayers: Pray for courage and strength to venture with Christ
)ffering and Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
resentation of the Topic
Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
Consecration Candlelight Service
Closing Hymn: *O Jesus I Have Promised*
Aizpah Benediction

or the Leader and Counselor

The personalities from the Bible may be ssigned to various members of the society discuss during the discussion period. erhaps you would like them to impersonate ese Bible characters by having the parcipants speak in the first person singular.

Since this is the Consecration Meeting nd also Christian Endeavor Day it would e appropriate to have a candlelight conecration service. The counselor could close ith a fitting poem or challenge.

In keeping with Christian Endeavor Day would be appropriate to read *"The Chrisan Endeavor Story"* which can be obained in folder form from the International ociety of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East road Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Another folder, "A Vital Program for outh" contains many ways in which a hristian Endeavorer can venture with hrist. This should be obtained for the eeting from Christian Endeavor headuarters. Order one for each member of the ociety.

During the Consecration Service let the unior High's who have not signed The hristian Endeavor Pledge do so. This can e a meaningful close to such a challengng topic.

Another way to develop the topic would e to take the letters which compose the ord *Venture* and use them to show how one should venture with Christ. It can be designated in this way:

V—Victoriously
E—Enthusiastically
N—Needfully
T—Totally
U—Unselfishly
R—Righteously
E—Everlastingly

Six members could enlarge upon these adverbs which suggest some of the ways one should venture with Christ.

Leader's Introduction

This topic is based upon the biennial theme of Christian Endeavor which is *"Venture with Christ."* You will notice it does not say, venture *for* Christ but venture *with* Christ. There is a difference. In venturing *with* Christ, Jesus not only sends the venturer out but He accompanies him on his venture. The dictionary tells us that a venture is an undertaking involving chance or danger.

We all love adventure. It has a mysterious element attached to it in that we do not always know what will happen during the course of the adventure. It may involve thrills, dangers, and even close brushes with death. In our venture with Christ, Jesus prepares the way, maps out the route, gives the equipment needed, and accompanies us on this venture of life. In Matthew 28:20 Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This venture with Christ can be very real if we are willing to make it so.

Counselor's Comments

In Mark 10:17-21 Jesus invites a young man to follow Him. What a wonderful opportunity this young man had to be a companion to the Son of God, but he permitted the opportunity to slip by.

When the rich young man told Jesus he had kept the Commandments from his youth up, Jesus did not contradict him but simply told him that there was one additional requirement for him and that was to sell his possessions, give the proceeds to the poor, and to come and follow Him. Jesus wanted him to get rid of that which was standing between him and total commitment to Jesus, namely his possessions. Jesus requires first place in our lives, not second nor third place. This young man refused to take the final step; he permitted Jesus to go on without him. The young man was the loser. Can it be that some Junior High Endeavorers here tonight are permitting something to stand between them and their Lord?

Venture with Christ

I want to do great things for Thee,
A Moses or Elijah be;
To set Thy people bondage free,
To make captive captivity.
I want to speak in accents bold,
Vast audiences of people hold;
An instrument of power to be,
To turn men's seeking souls to Thee.
The answer to my pleading heart
Is this, "My child, I ask this part
Of thee, to venture but a living word
To some poor soul who has not heard
Of my salvation full and free
This is what I ask of thee;
No trumpet sounds, no loud acclaim,
Just speak to someone in My Name."

Kate Vanderberg

Do you value the pleasures the world offers more than the companionship of Jesus? Are you clinging to some sin which keeps you from a wonderful fellowship with your Saviour? Are you passing by the invitation of Jesus to follow Him because you do not like to abandon certain questionable habits? Do you attend Christian Endeavor and other church meetings only when it is convenient or do you put the things of Christ and His church first? Try to answer these questions honestly and if you have not given Christ first place in your life won't you do so now? If you are willing to do this, then you are ready to venture with Christ.

Let us see how this topic can be explained in three different ways by members of the society.

IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Jesus is calling us to tell others of the joy of salvation. But before we can tell others, we must be sure we have Jesus

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in our own hearts. Confess Christ publicly as your Saviour and Lord. Then trust in Him for strength; sign The Christian Endeavor pledge if you have not already done so, then tell others. Along with the blessing of a life lived for the glory of God is the responsibility of soul winning. As Junior Highs we can, by our consecrated dedicated life, show other Junior Highs that the Christian life is the only satisfying life. We can pray faithfully for friends who are not Christians. We can take friends or classmates to church activities. Grasp each opportunity as it presents itself to tell others of Jesus and His love.

TRAINING FOR GREATER SERVICE

We are in the preparatory years of life. How we are preparing ourselves today for service in God's kingdom will largely determine what type of service we will be giving our Master in the years that lie ahead.

If you would enter the realm of full time church service, greater emphasis will have to be placed upon your formal training. Some forms of church service demand specialized training with college and some with higher degrees. Some positions are available only to those who have finished a specified course of study. Choose a church-related college where you will receive a Christ-centered education that will help you keep your goal ever in mind. In the meantime, follow a systematic plan of daily Bible study; become a Comrade of the Quiet Hour. Remember that the Christian Endeavor Society is a training center for service. Be willing to serve wherever the opportunity presents itself.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

This venture with Christ demands sacrificial service. Note once again, this young man in the Scripture passage was unwilling to sacrifice his possessions and security for the greatest of all ventures, a venture with Christ. Taking up his cross and following Jesus lost its appeal for him; he turned away from Jesus. It is true that there are hazards and risks involved in such a venture. The very word "venture" suggests this. Taking up the cross means willingness to suffer for Jesus' sake. The young man was not willing. Venturing with Christ may mean living dangerously. It may mean living where the ordinary means of personal security and protection are not to be had.

Venturing with Christ may mean possessing only the bare necessities of life. Missionaries' salaries are not of the highest but the joy of venturing with the Lord counteracts any inconvenience or sacrifice.

Questions for Discussion

1. Does every Christian have to venture with Christ?
2. How does one venture with Christ?
3. How can one be sure he is venturing with Christ?

Venturing with Christ may also mean living with hostile people who do not want the message of Christ. There may be disappointments and frustrations in this venture with Christ. Jesus Himself was sometimes sad and heartbroken in His great venture on earth. He wept over Jerusalem because many of the leaders and people of the city would not yield to His entreaties to follow Him. So in this venture with Christ, although we are aware of the possibilities of hazards and crosses we might have to bear, we can go joyfully on in the knowledge of giving our best to Jesus in sacrificial service.

Bible Personalities Who Ventured

1. ABRAHAM: God called Abraham to venture with Him when He told him to leave his father's house, his country, and his kindred. Abraham obeyed even though he did not know where God was sending him. (See Genesis 12:1 and also Hebrews 11:8-10.) Abraham was also willing to risk his most precious possession when God told him to sacrifice his son. (See Genesis 22.)

2. MOSES: Moses was willing to cast in his lot with God's people rather than remain as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. The choice Moses made meant hardship, misunderstanding, troubles. Hebrews 11:26 tells us this about Moses: "Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt." In venturing with God Moses chose the eternal blessing of the spirit rather than the temporal blessing of earthly possessions.

3. AMOS: Although Amos was a man of Judah, he was called to prophesy in the northern kingdom. Amos spoke with great boldness against the sins of the king. His particular responsibility was to tell of the impending judgment of God upon the sins of the king and people. A prophet bringing a message of doom did not have a very cordial reception. Yet Amos brought the message. His venture was accompanied by danger for he had a fearful message to proclaim. (See Amos 7:14-17.) When the Lord told Amos to go to Israel to prophesy judgment, Amos went. He was willing to venture with his Lord.

4. DANIEL: Daniel was a Hebrew lad who was taken captive and carried to Babylon to serve a heathen king. Daniel served God even against the decree of the king. As a result, he was thrown to the wild beasts. Daniel risked his life in his holy boldness to remain true to His God. Because Daniel was willing to venture with his God, he had the Lord as his companion in the lion's den! (See Daniel 3:25.)

5. NEHEMIAH: Nehemiah had the interest and the courage to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. He asked permission to leave his duties as cupbearer to King Nebuchadnezzar and journey to Jerusalem for this venture of faith. He had to cope with enemies who tried to stop his noble venture, but Nehemiah persevered and finished what he had begun. Nehemiah's testimony proves that his venture was successful and even his enemies had to admit that it was a work "wrought by God." (See Nehemiah 6:15,16.)

6. MATTHEW: Matthew responded immediately to the call of Christ to follow Him. Matthew left his position as a tax collector to become a disciple, a follower of Jesus. From all appearances it would be a life of uncertainty without much physical security. Matthew did not stop to ponder the issue; he simply obeyed the call of Christ; he followed Jesus. (See Matthew 9:9.)

7. PAUL: What a great venture of faith Paul engaged in with Jesus. Just to read the enumuration of his hardships and trials accompanying his ventures will make you realize that Paul gave up all he had for Jesus. He was willing to die for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. (See II Corinthians 11:23-33.)

8. TIMOTHY: Timothy was a co-worker with Paul on part of Paul's missionary journeys. Timothy was also entrusted with the oversight of the church at Ephesus. Paul addressed two of his letters to Timothy while Timothy was at Ephesus. Timothy, a young man, was given the opportunity to venture with Christ. He accepted the assignment and worked for his Lord. Paul gave him some sound advice in II Timothy 2:15 which all of us ought to heed.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 28	Following Jesus	Matthew 4:18-22
T. Jan. 29	Laborers Needed	Matthew 9:35-38
W. Jan. 30	Sent Forth	Mark 6:7-13
T. Jan. 31	Philip Obeys	Acts 8:26-39
F. Feb. 1	Peter Journeys	Acts 10:19-24
S. Feb. 2	Paul Witnesses	Acts 26:1-20
Sun. Feb. 3—Topic: Venture With Christ		Mark 10:17-21
(Christian Endeavor Day)		

Comments by Kate Vanderberg, a teacher at a Christian school in South Holland, Illinois

Topic 1 in a Unit: Home Missions

The Changing City Challenges the Church

Luke 19:41-48
(Race Relations Sunday)

ublicity

Try a poster with the words *"Look bout you, then come to Christian Endeavor Sunday, February 10, ... p.m."* rint the word *Look* in large letters and ll in the lower portion of the *o's* so they ppear to be eyes.

or the Counselor

The effectiveness of this program depends n your ability to relate Christ's teachings the problems created by our cities today. yours is a rural area, the emphasis may ave to be changed to be effective. The oung people should get into the discussion s much as possible. Panel members need be encouraged to add their own ideas to ose given here. Strive to make this an formative meeting, injecting local color, the young people will begin thinking out their place in their community today nd in the future.

anel Discussion

ODERATOR:

Tonight we have before us a panel of oung people who have made a study of ne various problems brought about by ne changing cities today. In an effort set the scene for them, let's take a rief look at the Scripture lesson for night.

When Christ came into the city as ecorded in Luke 19:41, He was greatly isturbed about it and we are told He ept over it. Surely this indicates that e, and our parents, if we would follow hrist's example, must be concerned over ne things that take place in our own ity. In verse 45 of the same chapter e find Christ taking action to correct ne wrongs that He found within the ity. How can we, as His followers, do ss?

And finally, in verse 47, we read that e taught daily His way, the good way, ne right way. So He did not just rebuke ne wrong doers, but He spent His valuble time showing them God's will and od's way. It is not enough for us as hristians to stand on the sidelines and ell others what is wrong with things ithin our cities and towns, but we must e prepared to get in and show them a etter way.

Aim

The purpose of this topic is to start the young people thinking about conditions in their own community and how to apply Christian principles to these conditions. The study of the needs and weaknesses in our cities and towns should lead the young people into planning a home missionary project in connection with next week's topic.

With Christ as our example, let's look at our rapidly changing cities to see what He would have us do about them. Our first speaker will be ..... who will discuss some of the political problems facing our cities.

FIRST PANEL MEMBER (POLITICAL):

In the early days of our nation, the political life of a community was closely bound up with all phases of activity, including its religious life and its means of livelihood. Everyone was involved. The town meeting found banker, lawyer, baker, cobbler, teacher, preacher, farmer, all on hand and voicing their opinion. The councilmen, or aldermen, of that day were in close touch with their constituents. These cities were run by the townspeople, few of whom had had any special training for the task. Rather they had a burning desire to see a well-organized community, with law and order for its residents and a future for its children.

We contrast this with city government as we see it today. Professionalism has crept in—the city manager or administrator is trained in municipal government and has a degree to prove it. He hires many aides and department heads also trained in their particular fields. Meanwhile the average citizen loses touch and interest in what is going on and tends to give up trying to understand. He becomes an indifferent cynic. He no longer cares whether or not there is graft in city government. If asked to run for an elected office, he may say that it's not his particular line. If asked to attend a protest meeting, he says he is too busy. If asked to sign a petition, he hesitates because he doesn't even want to read the thing.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service:
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Jesus Calls Us
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-48
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Panel Discussion
Group Discussion
Counselor's Comments
Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*
Benediction

As Christian young people, can we dare accept such a philosophy? What would Christ do were He here today? Is indifference the right attitude toward politics today? How can we begin now to fit ourselves to take a place of leadership in city government when we are through school?

MODERATOR:

Thank you, ..., for your comments. Next we will hear from ..... on the subject of the racial problems faced in our cities.

SECOND PANEL MEMBER (RACIAL):

Perhaps at no time in the history of our country since the abolition of slavery have we been so aware of the racial problem as we are now. The basic racial problem facing our cities and entire country is more than one of integration in the southern schools. First of all there is the question of supremacy on the basis of color. If there is such supremacy, and God's Word doesn't define it, then perhaps the only practical way to determine it is on the basis of numbers. This leads us to the question as to where to draw the color line? Who is white?

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If we define white as the pure Caucasian strain found primarily in North America and Western Europe, then the white race may well be the minority group. Someone has said that the notion that a few hundred million white men could ever permanently subjugate the colored persons of the world in an aggregate of two billion is an idea so preposterous it could have only occurred to a white person.

God's Word does not draw a color line, but rather a condition-of-the-heart line. Philip spent time with the Ethiopian eunuch, teaching him about Jesus and was rewarded when the eunuch confessed his belief in Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:27-39). Jesus himself drew no lines of color, race or creed — He knew all men were created equal!

But it is not just difference of color that creates problems within the boundaries of our cities. Sometimes it is the difference in the backgrounds of the various races. Because of these differences, the racial groups tend to huddle together in one area of a city, creating in some cases the depressed areas we hear our city planners talk about. Many of these people have not been able to acquire an education toward a skilled trade. Sometimes they do not even speak our language. Their standard of living is low because their income is low. What can we do to help these people become a productive, vital part of our society? How can we help them overcome language and custom barriers? If we are to believe God's Word, then the little Mexican, Chinese, Cuban, or Negro boy has as much right to a good education, food, and shelter as we have. And surely he has the same need for a Saviour!

MODERATOR:

Thank you for directing our thoughts along this line, _____. Now we will ask _____ to give us some information about the economic problems in our cities.

THIRD PANEL MEMBER (ECONOMIC):

It has been suggested that there are three orbits in a great city: first the commercial, then the industrial, and finally the slum and suburb.

As the commercial and industrial interests of the cities expand, more and more of the residents are moving into the suburbs. Economically this poses a problem, for the wage earner returns to the city each morning to spend the prescribed number of hours earning a wage which his good wife and family will spend in the suburbs. This is playing havoc with the tax structure of many communities. Our economy has been based on the theory that hometown money will be spent at home. But now home is twenty or thirty miles from the source of income, and within the boundaries of another city or tax district!

The changing city suffers too as the so-called better class of residents move to the suburbs, leaving the cities with a strange assortment of old folks too settled to make a move; the bohemian types who want to get lost in the city throng; the skid row clientele; and the lonely single folks who came to the big city to be famous, get rich, or meet that certain someone. They are the lonely crowd found on the streets of all our great cities.

What can we as Christian young people do to help with this economic problem? Perhaps not much, right now. But as we look toward the future when we will be able to have a say in city government, we can keep as a goal better planned cities, with a more reasonable distribution of people. Slum areas need to be cleaned up too. But moving people from one set of slums to another is not the answer. We must find a way to help them rise above the slum attitude. Introducing them to Christ and showing them Christ's love in our own lives is a good start.

MODERATOR:

Our thanks, _____, for your comments. Now _____ will discuss some of the social and health problems our cities face.

FOURTH PANEL MEMBER (SOCIAL AND HEALTH):

Closely tied to _____'s comments about economic conditions in our big cities will be the comments about the social and health problems. Someone has said that the family remains the social orphan of the revolutionary city. There just doesn't seem to be any place for family in our cities today and so all who can gather their clan together and move to the suburbs. Theoretically this is an improvement, but when you look at some of the tract homes in this so called suburbia, you can only agree with the writer who defined modern housing as slums, semi-slums, and super slums.

To the not too satisfactory housing conditions is added the problem of a rising population. As medical science advances, and with plentiful food, clothing and shelter, we find the infant mortality rate greatly reduced and older folks living longer. This means there are more children who live to play on our streets and their grandparents are becoming a new social class known as "retirees". The younger group will require more and better schools; the older group will have to be kept active and productive, even though they are no longer employed at a regular job. These "retirees" are too healthy, too mentally alert to be put in an institution.

Then too, cities are faced with the problem of the really aged folk, no longer able to care for themselves and with no traceable family ties. Is institutional care the answer? And if it is, what can be done about it to make it more pleasant and acceptable to these folk? What would Christ suggest?

What can we as Christian young people do to help any or all of the lonely crowd who wander the streets of our cities?

MODERATOR:

Thank you, _____, for the final presentation of our panel. Several thought-provoking questions have been presented tonight. Let's spend some time to consider some of them and to discuss them as a group.

Questions for Discussion

1. Can a Christian be a politician?
2. What does being a Christian have to do with our attitude toward voting?
3. In the light of God's Word, what about the "color line"?
4. What effect has the move to the suburbs had on the Christian community?, new churches, etc.
5. What will be the fate of the downtown churches in a changing city?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 4 Lot's Choice of a City Genesis 13:8-13
T. Feb. 5 The Sins of a City Genesis 18:17-22
W. Feb. 6 Intercession for a City Genesis 18:23-33
T. Feb. 7 Destruction of Cities Genesis 19:23-29
F. Feb. 8 A Great City Hears Paul Preach Acts 17:22-34
S. Feb. 9 A New City Revelation 21:10-27
Sun. Feb. 10—Topic: The Changing City Challenges the Church Luke 19:41-48 (Race Relations Sunday)

Comments by Roberta Carrington, Christian Vocations Superintendent of the California Christian Endeavor Union and Executive Advisor for the San Bernardino County Union

Topic 2 in a Unit: Home Missions

Begin Here

Acts 1:6-11

ur Aim

To study examples found in Scripture d through them to realize that Jeru- lem is our home town, which offers any missionary opportunities and eds.

or the Counselor and Leader

Organize the group into two committees. ie will plan and present the meeting, the ier will spend time and thought in search- ; out two or three projects your young ople could undertake.

To add color to the meeting, it might be eresting to have the young people who rtray the New Testament personalities ess in costumes and really *pretend* they that person.

The group that has studied possible jects should be prepared to present their dings at the close of the meeting and lead a discussion to choose a project. ins should be made to get the project derway as soon as possible.

ublicity

Send postal cards to the members with e following brief message: *We're going do something! Come Sunday, Feb. th and find out about it! 6:30 p.m., ... church Junior High Christian ideavor.*

A poster to advertize the meeting ght be made with a big black question ark on white poster board. Cut out ters from magazines and newspapers say: *Where is Jerusalem? Help us swer the question Feb. 17th, at Junior gh Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m.*

After you have chosen a missionary oject and are underway with it, sub- t an article to the church editor of ur local paper and the editor of THE HRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD lling of your purpose and how you are rrying it out.

ader's Introduction

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in rusalem, and in all Judea and in maria, and unto the uttermost part of e earth".

These words from Christ just before is ascension are the basis for our study night, for they are words directed right us. Let's look carefully at this portion God's Word for a moment.

The word witness as used in the New stament generally means one who testifies to the truth even if it might cost his own life. In many instances in the days of the early church, telling others about Christ did lead to meeting lions in a Roman arena, to being crucified, sometimes upside down, to losing one's head, hanging or being stoned to death.

Today, in a country such as ours, we do not have to fear death because we dare to live for Christ and tell others about Him. Perhaps because there is no danger involved today is the reason few people seem to be really on fire for Christ. Many Americans feel that being a Christian is just being a generally decent citizen. The name Christian meant much more than this in New Testament times and it should and must mean more today if we are to fulfill the purpose Christ has for us. Christianity is a movement with a program for changing and redeeming common, everyday lives through acceptance of Christ as Saviour, then opening avenues of service for Christ as Lord.

Our approach tonight is to look first at some New Testament personalities to see how their lives testified of Christ and then to look about us in our town to see what we, as Junior High young people, can do for Him here.

Going back to the Scripture read earlier, remember Christ told the apostles to begin their work at home, that is, Jerusalem. In another passage (Luke 24:46-48) it is recorded that . . . "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Where is our Jerusalem? Our Judea? And our Samaria? Let's meet some New Testament people who recognized their own personal Jerusalem and see what we can learn from them.

STEPHEN: Jerusalem really was my home town. I was there when the first church was organized. In fact, I was a deacon in that church, and together with six other men, was in charge of the charitable work of the church. We distributed food, clothing and money to widows and poor people and relieved the Apostles of some of the duties involved in operating a rapidly growing church membership. I did evangelistic work and was thrilled to see many accept Christ as Saviour.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service:
More Like the Master
Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be
Scripture: Acts 1:6-11
Prayer Time
Hymn: *God's Way My Way*
Leader's Introduction
New Testament Personalities
Announcements and Offering
Discussion of Projects
Counselor's Comments
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Benediction

Finally I was falsely accused of blasphemy against Moses and God and was taken before the Jewish Sanhedrin. Never one to miss an opportunity, I gave them a real sermon. For me, to witness for Christ truly meant testifying to the truth at the expense of my life, for they cast me out of the city and stoned me to death. But I was glad to die for Him and to know that as a result of my death many came to know Christ. This was the beginning of open persecution of the believers and many of my friends were forced to flee to other cities far away where they told people of our Christ and Saviour.

MEN OF CYPRUS AND CYRENE

FIRST MAN: We were at Jerusalem at the time of the stoning of Stephen and had to flee for our lives when Saul and other Jewish leaders really began to persecute Christ's followers. Our flight took us north to Phenice, Cyprus and finally Antioch. There we told the Gentiles about Christ and many became believers. Up to this time the gospel had been preached only to the Jews and it caused quite a bit of

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excitement among the Jewish converts when they heard of our work. But we believed Christ's command to witness in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. Besides, Antioch was our Jerusalem, the place where we were living and we knew Christ wanted us to tell our neighbors about Him.

SECOND MAN: Antioch was a big city, the third largest city in the Roman empire, with a population of around 500,000. It was known as a beautiful city, yet it was one of the most foul and wicked cities in the world. Many pagan and sinful types of worship were held there. But God looked with favor on our work there and multitudes accepted Christ. In fact it was at Antioch that believers were first called Christ's Ones or Christians.

DORCAS: Lest you think work for Christ has to be spectacular to count, let me tell you about myself. My name is Dorcas. I was just a simple woman who heard about Christ and believed He died for me that I might have eternal life. At our early church meetings I heard that believers were to tell everyone around them about Christ. I was not much of a speaker, never had been good with words. But I felt God had given me certain talents which I could put to work for Him. So I started sewing coats and garments for widows and their children. It seemed such a little thing to do, yet God blessed my efforts. When I became ill and died, He sent Peter and through him, worked a miracle to restore me to life. My life really counted for Christ then, because many believed on the Lord through this miracle in my life!

LEADER: Having met these people from Scripture who took God at His word and considered wherever they were their own particular Jerusalem, let's ask ourselves again—where is our Jerusalem? Isn't it at our school, on the streets of our town, in our own home? And our Judea? How about the surrounding communities or areas near our town, perhaps just a few miles from home? Might not our Samaria be an Indian reservation in the midwest or a mountain area in the south? We speak of our nation as a Christian nation and yet there are many, many people all around us who may have heard about Christ, but are not convinced and will not be until those of us who claim the name of Christ begin to really testify for Him by our lives, deeds and words!

Projects

Each group will have to look around its own community for a project that is practical, meaningful, will accomplish the goals set forth in the topic, and will challenge and appeal to the young people.

The following are suggestions you may be able to adapt to your group.

1. Organize Sunday school classes or Daily Vacation Bible schools for foreign-born, or migrant children in your town.

2. Through your church, organize a Boy or Girl Scout troop for underprivileged youngsters.

3. Start a Bible Club at school or in one of your homes.

4. If there is a settlement house, neighborhood house or other church sponsored community center in your area, offer your services to help with the recreation program for younger children, or offer to have a story hour.

5. Contact young people's groups in a church of another nationality and arrange exchange programs or social functions to promote the feeling of oneness in Christ with other racial groups.

6. Organize a calling campaign to canvass your neighborhood for unchurched families. Then carry through by inviting them to activities at your church. Be sure to pass on their name and address to your pastor and other church groups for further contact.

7. If there is a rescue mission nearby, take on some responsibility of helping with their work—singing, reading Scripture, giving testimonies, or serving coffee and doughnuts.

8. Contact a children's hospital or rehabilitation center to see if your group can make things for the children such as toys, scrapbooks, or games.

Perhaps the group could visit the hospital and read to the children. How about singing for them at Easter, and during the summer months.

9. Many elderly, shut-in or blind persons would appreciate a young person coming to read to them or writing letters for them.

10. Cooperate with local government in safety, fire prevention, and clean-up campaigns. Make posters, pass out literature, offer your services to mow lawns, haul trash, hoe weeds, or personally contact people about hazards in their own homes.

Last week we talked about the challenge that our changing cities present to the church today. If we will but look around us we can see many folks who need to know of Christ's love for them. If our experience with Christ means anything to us at all, we must share it with others. This means not only telling them about Him, but we must live the message we speak. Our Christ-like lives will get through to people many times when words might fall on deaf ears.

As we do look about for a project or activity that we can undertake for Christ and His Church, we must remember that whatever we do in the line of service, our purpose must be evangelistic. And should we decide to work with people we may consider underprivileged, we must never have a patronizing attitude toward them. This must be a labor of love—love for them because God's love has taken over in our lives!

For the Counselor

As you close the meeting, keep the challenge of Christ's words, "ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," before the group. Spark them with enthusiasm to begin here in their own community to actively serve Him. Help them to open their eyes for opportunities for service. And don't let their chosen project die on the vine, but keep them on the job for Him!

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 11 The Cost of Following Christ Luke 18:18-30
T. Feb. 12 Do What Christ Says John 2:1-11
W. Feb. 13 Obedience Brings Results John 9:1-7
T. Feb. 14 Faithful unto Death Acts 7:54-60
F. Feb. 15 Witnessing in Prison Acts 16:25-34
S. Feb. 16 Witness with Confidence II Timothy 1:6-12
Sun. Feb. 17—Topic: Begin Here Acts 1:6-11

Comments by Roberta Carrington, Christian Vocations Superintendent of the California Christian Endeavor Union and Executive Advisor for the San Bernardino County Union

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Motto

Always for Christ

Romans 12:1-3

Our Aims

1. To understand that Christ is the center of Christian Endeavor.
2. To see the importance of putting Christ in the center of our lives.
3. To better understand what the Christian Endeavor motto stands for.

ıggested Program

e-Prayer Service
ıll to worship
ng Service:
For Christ and the Church
Since Jesus Came into My Heart
My Jesus, I Love Thee
ripture: Romans 12:1-3
ymn: *I Need Jesus*
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)unselor's Comments
ymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
izpah Benediction

)r the Leader and Counselor

The leaders for this meeting and the next)uld work together because they both al with the Christian Endeavor motto, or Christ and the Church." A huge)tto for display may be made. A frame-)rk of wire netting may be used, with e words of the motto spelled out with l and white tissue paper stuffed in the tting. A large poster may be printed on ster board and tacked on plywood for rmanence.

Posters made for this unit of topics may used throughout the entire year, because ey would contain the Christian Endeavor)tto. They could be placed in your meet- g room, or on the various bulletin boards)und your church building, with the re- est that they remain for a time. (Place e information about the two meetings on a)arate paper, which can be removed after e meetings are over.)

A poster contest would be in order. There e many possibilities for illustrating this)tto. You could use any of the follow- g or a combination of several for each ster: cross, church building, church eple, head of Christ, Christ with out- etched arms, the C E emblem, young ople kneeling or standing before a cross.

Award prizes for the three best posters. ıoose judges from other young people in your church who do not attend Christian Endeavor. This may get them interested in coming.

If your counselor is like most, he probably says very little during the society meetings. This is as it should be, but for this meeting let's make an exception. Have your counselor give some advice, based on the information below.

Ask the question, *Is there any young person here who would not have a desire to live Always for Christ and the Church?* Follow this with another question, *How can we fulfill this desire?*

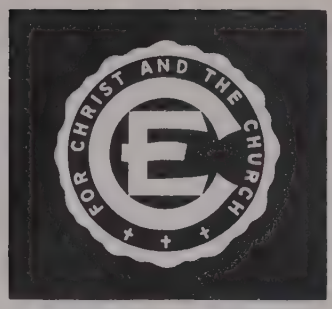
1. Put Christ first
   a) above my own self-interests
   b) above my social life
   c) above my desire to be popular
   d) above what the world considers to be important
2. Live a consistent Christian life
   a) be a *do-er,* not just a *say-er*
   b) witness in action
   c) witness in speech
   d) be *nice to know* — not moody, cranky, selfish
3. Memorize the first three verses of the Christian Endeavor chapter (Romans 12:1-3) and use this as the code by which to live.

For the Leader

Have one of your group give a brief talk (beginning with your school motto, or a class motto) on the importance of mottoes, and the significance and meaning of our Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church."

During prayer time list prayer requests, and have those present volunteer to pray for specific items. You will want to make up your own list, but here are some general suggestions—your society, your church, your counselor, your pastor, missionaries (include those you know by name), your school problems, community problems, world problems.

It is less than a month since we celebrated Christian Endeavor Week, and perhaps you emphasized the Pledge then. Now would be a good time to remind the group of especially the beginning of the pledge, *Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength*—because these words speak of our topic. We cannot possibly do any of the things the pledge contains unless we trust—always—in Christ! A common failing of Christians, both old and young alike, is when they say "I can't do that—get someone else!" "I can't pray in public!" "I can't lead a meeting!" "I can't! I can't! I can't!"—Of course "I" can't, but we must realize that when we have Christ in our hearts, it is no longer "I" but "Christ in me!" By all means, at least read the Pledge together at this meeting.



Topic Presentation

Our Hearts

Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt . . . believe in thine heart . . . thou shalt be saved." This is followed by the words, in the 10th verse, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness . . ." When we accept Christ as our personal Saviour, it is our heart we give Him. We also must present to him our bodies, our minds, our spirits, but it is our hearts He cleanses from sin. The heart is the very center of life. Life is just one heart-beat away from death, physically speaking.

We make a big fuss about the affairs of the heart of teenagers—and we are attracted to some, and not to others, in this way. The biggest *affair of the heart* for a teenager or a person of any age, is when he invites the Lord Jesus Christ to come and dwell in his heart.

As we turn to the Bible, we see some important things said about hearts. Among other things, a Christian's heart should not be proud (Psalm 101:5), or wicked (Proverbs 26:23), or stony (Ezekiel 11:19).

If we crown Jesus King in our hearts, and let Him take over with His Holy Spirit to direct our lives, we will be giving our hearts—always for Christ!

Our Minds

Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . ." The mind of Christ! Our minds should be like Christ's! That seems to

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be an impossible thing, doesn't it? Christ is the perfect Son of God—we are but weak humans!

Our minds are the means by which we learn things day by day, week by week, year after year, as we grow into manhood and womanhood. The mind is a wonderful instrument to be used for the glory of God. We should pray that we may learn all we can within the capacity of our God-given intelligence, but that we may apply our learning for Christ. In other words, we should be careful to "not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think," (Romans 12:3). Man has triumphed so far as his mind is concerned. We know how far he has come and we dare not imagine how much farther he will go before Christ returns. We know right now, because of the products of men's minds, we have terrible weapons able to wipe out our entire civilization. We know also from those same minds have come the many wonderful things we use in our world today.

The Bible tells us our minds can play tricks on us. They can be vain (Ephesians 4:17), they can be carnal (Romans 8:7), they can be defiled (Titus 1:15). A Christian must guard against these things. Is it any wonder God's Word says we should have the "mind of Christ"?

May we dedicate our minds to the service of the Lord and pray that "the mind of Christ" may indeed be within us!

Our Tongues

Philippians 2:11 says, ". . . every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The tongue is a small part of our body, yet we all know it can be a most influential part. We say we "talk ourselves into" something or "talk ourselves out" of something. The most important use a Christian can make of his tongue is to confess Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. This includes the time when we first come to realize our need as sinners and accept the finished work of Jesus Christ. It includes the day-by-day witnessing to others. Finally, it includes our actual day in and day out conversation as we live our Christian lives.

God's Word warns us that tongues can be unbridled (James 1:26), untamed (James 3:8), forward (Proverbs 10:31) and lying (Proverbs 12:19).

Questions for Discussion

1. Is there a difference in having Christ as your Saviour and as your Lord?

2. What is meant by witnessing? Give some examples of how youth can witness.

3. Is Christ the center of this society? How can we make Him the center of our activities?

4. How can we each live the Christian Endeavor motto?

An old fable gives us the challenge. A young lion wandered away from his mother, and saw some sheep grazing. He began to eat grass like the sheep were doing. After a time his mother, the great lioness, came and found him peacefully grazing with the sheep. She was very indignant. She led the lion to a brook and pointed to the cub's reflection in the water. She asked, "What do you see there?" He replied, "A lion!" "Well, then," she said, "If you are a lion, throw back your head and roar like one!"

If we are Christians, let us "throw open our hearts and minds, and speak, live, and act like one. (Note: if you look up the words *heart, mind, tongue* in your Bible Concordance, you may add to this presentation by quoting Scriptures that tell what a Christian's heart, mind, and tongue should and should not be like.)

Another Plan

You may want to approach the topic in another way. The Name of Jesus is important! In Philippians 2:10 the Bible states, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." The Name means above all that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and our Lord (the One who died for us, and the One for whom we live).

In the Scriptures Jesus is referred to in many ways. He is given names that help to describe who He is. You may develop the topic so as to discover the many names given to Jesus. You may build your entire meeting around a Scripture Quiz on Jesus, or you may use this just as a part of the meeting.

You could use the book of John and find in each chapter, either directly or indirectly mentioned, a particular name such as, *Bread of Life, Saviour,* and *Servant.*

You need not confine your study John's Gospel for you will find ot names given to Jesus throughout whole New Testament.

Conclude this kind of presentat with a time of personal testimonies which members of the society will t just what Jesus means to them. *(It m be helpful if you used an acrostic. A for words to describe what Jesus does using the letters in the name* JES CHRIST.)

J ustifies
E mbraces
S aves
U nifies
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R enews
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S ecures
T eaches

(These words are given merely as a example. Have the young people testi and give words describing their ow relationship to Jesus Christ.)

Christian Endeavor Facts

- The Christian Endeavor motto "F Christ and the Church" was chosen 1887 at a convention held at Saratog Springs, New York. It was the sam convention at which Dr. Francis E. Cla was elected president of the Unite Society of Christian Endeavor.
- The Christian Endeavor monogra the C surrounding an E, was designe by The Rev. H. B. Grose, and wa chosen in 1887 as the official embler of Christian Endeavor.

Suggested Project

As a result of this Unit of two topic on the Christian Endeavor motto, urg each member of the society to wear th Christian Endeavor monogram. You ma secure a variety of jewelry bearing th CE monogram from the Internationa Society.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 18 "Thou Art the Christ" Matthew 16:13-2
T. Feb. 19 Paul Declares Christ Only I Corinthians 2:1-1
W. Feb. 20 No Other Foundation I Corinthians 3:9-1
T. Feb. 21 "Christ Liveth in Me" Galatians 2:19-2
F. Feb. 22 Unity in Christ Ephesians 4:1-
S. Feb. 23 Christ the Head Ephesians 1:15-2
Sun. Feb. 24—Topic: Always for Christ Romans 12:1-

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where her husband is minister

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

Venture With Christ

Mark 10:17-21
(Christian Endeavor Day)

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service
all to Worship
ymn: *O Worship the King*
nnouncements and Offering
ymn: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
cripture: Mark 10:17-21
evotional Song: (ask that the young people be in an attitude of prayer and meditation as someone sings *I'd Rather Have Jesus)*
irected Prayer: (see instructions below in section *Directed Prayer)*
ymn: *I Surrender All*
he Topic
losing chorus: *For Christ and the Church*
lizpah Benediction

ublicity

Since this is Christian Endeavor day here is great opportunity to publicize his meeting. A brief but vital announcement could be placed in the church bulletin on the Sunday prior to the meeting. Talk to the minister or person in charge of the church paper to see that a write-up about the meeting is in it.

Posters could be made around the motif of space ships. These certainly carry the idea of adventure. The theme *Venture With Christ* should be on the poster in bold letters. It should carry the information as to what, where, when, and who. The language should be as brief as possible. It would be well to display them a week ahead of the meeting date.

irected Prayer

Immediately following the Devotional song ask that each in the group pray silently along the lines which are suggested here—

1. That we praise God for creating us as people, who can have feelings, aspirations, and a venturesome spirit; for opportunities to go forward. And most of all for Christ who as our leader and guide helps us to know the right way to go. (*pause for a few moments.*)

2. Now let us confess our sins to Him. He has done so much for us. But at times we allow many things to come between us and our Lord. We are guilty of sins of omission as well as sins of commission. But He has promised that if we will confess these sins that He will forgive us. Let us confess these to Him. (*pause for a few moments.*)

3. Let us ask God's help for others. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations in these crucial times. We are asked to pray for our enemies. (Pause) . . . Let us pray for the leaders of the Church . . . (Pause) Let us pray for our neighbors and friends. (*pause for a few moments.*)

4. Let us pray a prayer of submission in which we ask God to take us and use us. Let us pray that He will go with us into our homes, our schools, and into our friendships.

(*The leader should offer a few words of prayer in closing this period of prayer.*)

This prayer service might be more impressive if it had a background of soft music. Perhaps a recording of organ music could provide this background. The leader should have someone else start the record at the appropriate time so the meeting could proceed as smoothly as possible.

Leader's Talk

Man has always valued that which is too difficult to secure. Anything that is rare seems always to be valuable, such as diamonds or gold. The mountain climber sees a challenge in the rugged mountain peak that almost defies the climber's efforts to scale it.

The ancient mariner saw a challenge to conquer the unknown waters of the seven seas. Today efforts are being made to conquer space. Men even risk their lives for such a conquest. Usually the greater the risk the more men are willing to risk their lives.

On the other hand, the thing for which we risk our lives should be worth something. People and personal betterment stands supreme in the Christian system of values. "What will a man give in exchange for his life? Or what will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" are questions in the Scripture that no seriously thinking young person can ignore.

Sometimes we are concerned with things that ten or twenty years from now will not make a particle of difference. While we are almost totally indifferent to those things which have eternal value. It may not make a bit of difference even five years from now whether we attend a social function or not. But our attitudes toward God, our fellowman, and ourselves will make a great deal of difference.

We may at times forget that if our Christian commitment demands nothing it would be of little value to us. Are we willing to give up some things that we may enjoy doing, because we believe that our fellowship in Christ demands that we give up some individual enjoyments for the sake of more lasting joy in Him.

Perhaps we can get a view of how those who enjoyed the blessings of God were asked to sacrifice certain things for higher and more lasting values. Let us look at several men of the Bible.

The leader may use one of the three suggestions at this point.

1. You may secure a number of slides from your church library, or film outlet. You should have at least one slide representing each of the characters that follow.

2. You may have a silhouette representation of each. You can do this by hanging a thin piece of cloth or bedsheet from a frame of wire. Use screens or something on each side. Have the person representing the Bible character stand behind the sheet from the audience. A bright light from behind the character makes the shadow on the sheet.

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3. A third method would be to have persons dress in garb which would represent each Bible character. In each case it would be better to have a narrator who is different from the leader. Also it will be necessary to have a number of people operating machines, lights, and whatever may be needed for the presentation that is chosen. The following is suggested as a Script to go along with the presentation.

Let us first consider Abraham. Hear what the Bible has to say of Him. *(The narrator should read Genesis 12:1-4; and Hebrews 11:8-13.)*

Next let us look to Moses. *(The narrator should read Hebrews 11:23-29.)*

Or may we look at Amos, or one of the other prophets. *(The narrator should read Hebrews 11:32-40.)*

The Bible presents these men as examples of faith and obedience. The Bible says that they endured all this hardship for rewards that were inferior to those of the Christian.

Or we might take Paul as an example in the New Testament. *(The narrator should read Philippians 3:7-14.)*

Paul and Peter point to Jesus Himself as an example for us. *(The narrator should read Philippians 2:5-12 and I Peter 2:21-25.)*

Many people in our day want to be religious, but they feel this religion should not be too demanding. They say "It's all right to belong to a church, but we shouldn't be narrow or fanatics about religion." What do you think about this in the light of what Jesus taught in Mark 8:34-38 and Mark 10:17-21? (Have someone read these passages.)

But what does it mean to take up one's cross and follow Him? He is not on earth today. How can I follow Him?

(Get some expressions as to what it means to follow Christ in our day. You will probably receive such suggestions as: attend church, read your Bible, pray, and serve Him.) But are these things ends in themselves? What might be some even more important things that are involved in our service to Christ?

When one is committed to Christ what does this mean with regard to the way in which one thinks of himself? It should mean several things:

First, our life is a gift of God. God has given each person certain abilities and capacities. It should be remembered however, that these abilities do not come fully developed. Their development depends upon the person's desire, interests, and determination to develop them. Thus, we are stewards of the potentialities that we possess. The responsibility for this is primarily to God since He gave us these abilities. There is also the responsibility to ourselves since each of us possesses the need for feeling that we are worth something to others.

The second item that should be pointed out is that sometimes men develop their capacities and then use them to selfish ends. This was the principal sin of the rich man described in Mark 10:17-21. He thought more of riches than he did of people. Many people develop their abilities to get things, status or power. The Christian must seek to serve. He can find his fullest life in the service of others. This was at least one thing that Jesus meant when He said, "For whoever would save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for my sake and the Gospel's, the same shall find it" (Mark 8:35).

As we think of service to others, how does our Christian commitment affect our attitude at this point? Do we serve others just because we are supposed to do good to others? Or is there some other motivation which should be stimulating us to such consideration of others? These questions are answered at least in part in the Christian view of man. Man in a sense is a dependent being. He can not be completely independent of others. God made him to be a social being. Statements from the Bible such as, "It is not good that man should be alone," or "Am I my brother's keeper?" express clearly that God intended that man should have a deep concern for his fellowman. Jesus said that to love one's neighbor as one's self was the second of the two great commandments. He placed this second because to do this one must first love God.

There are three attitudes which one might hold toward his neighbor. First, a man can use his neighbor much like one would use a tool. This is a denial of the man's personality. And in the end it is a denial of one's own development for as Margarett Kuhn's book states "You Cannot Be Human Alone."

A second attitude is that one tolerate his brother. This is again a denial of the need for fellowship. It is the idea of the Levite, expressed in the story of the Good Samaritan. It is "passing by on the other side." (See Luke 10:30-37.) The Good Samaritan looked upon his neighbor's need as an opportunity to serve.

But one may serve his neighbor's needs without serving Christ. He may give to a neighbor's needs because he should do this to be a good citizen. In Biblical language this is giving alms be seen of men. Others may give order to have power over someone el Our true motive should be that of servi Christ. If we are to keep our motiv pure, we must constantly study the Wo of God.

It is quite easy too, to meet ma physical needs and neglect the deep and more important spiritual. Most the problems of life are not due to faul techniques of living, but inadequa goals and attitudes. Man seeks a mea ing to his existence.

The Word of God helps us to know eternal meaning of life. It helps us see meaning even in suffering. Sin really disobedience to God. It is missi the mark. It then means that man nee redemption from it. Suffering is the r sult of sin in the world. In Christ v have hope of a new heaven and a ne earth wherein dwells righteousnes Suffering means that man must live hope of our complete redemption Christ.

It is only as we study God's Wo that we are prepared to serve mar deepest needs. Paul exhorts us to "stud to show thyself approved unto God, workman that needeth not to b ashamed, rightly dividing the Word Truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Suggestions for Committees

This would be a golden opportunity put into practice our *Venturing With Chri* through evangelism, study, and service.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE might a range for some of the young people sing for the shut-ins or older people in th church. These people are often lonel They want to know young people. An other possibility would be to "tape" th morning church service and take it out some of these people.

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE and the SOCIA COMMITTEE could work together on a pla for Sunday night. Meet at the church 4 o'clock and go out and get a friend. Hav a light supper at the church (sandwiche hot chocolate, etc.) which the Social com mittee could arrange. Following the suppe go right into the evening meeting.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 28	Following Jesus	Matthew 4:18-2
T. Jan. 29	Laborers Needed	Matthew 9:35-3
W. Jan. 30	Sent Forth	Mark 6:7-1
T. Jan. 31	Philip Obeys	Acts 8:26-2
F. Feb. 1	Peter Journeys	Acts 10:19-2
S. Feb. 2	Paul Witnesses	Acts 26:1-2

Sun. Feb. 3—Topic: Venture With Christ Mark 10:17-2

(Christian Endeavor Day)

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The Changing City Challenges the Church

Luke 19:41-48
(Race Relations Sunday)

Our Aims

1. To show the problems of today's city.
2. To point to the ways in which Christ can solve the city's problems.
3. To emphasize the importance of the Church in the citizenship development of young people.
4. To see how Christ would consider the local economic, political, racial, social, and health problems.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Prayer: Repeat in unison the words of the Hymn, *Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be.*
Choruses: *God's Way My Way, We Choose Christ*
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-48
Leader's Introduction
Panel Discussion
Leader's Conclusion
Discussion Questions
Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Announcements
Offering
The Doxology
Mizpah Benediction

To the Counselor

This topic may require your assistance in securing local and denominational information. Be prepared to help the committee chairmen find the information they need. Provide the addresses and encourage the Missionary chairman to write for home missions materials. Be ready to offer suggestions of local problems that need to be considered. Your enthusiasm for the topic is essential to the development of the young people's own interest in discovering the challenge of the changing city.

Plans for the Meeting

Look over the needs of your community and decide what problems exist here, or study the needs of a nearby city. Check your denominational literature for home missions information to add to your topic materials.

Prepare a poster showing the challenges facing today's city church. Put a picture of a church in the center of the poster with drawings or pictures of city construction and destruction placed around the church. The caption should read, *The Changing City Challenges the Church.*

In presenting the topic material, have five panelists discuss the various challenges.

Alternate Presentation

For an alternate presentation consider the challenges as voices of the city crying out for help. To set the atmosphere for the different voices, play a tape recording of sounds that one might hear in the city. While each voice is speaking, a spotlight could be directed on a picture or object which portrays the challenge. For example, use a picture of different races working together as the voice of the racial challenge speaks.

Leader's Introduction

As Jesus looked out over the city of Jerusalem he wept. His sorrow was caused by the tremendous challenge that the sinful city presented — a challenge which was not being met. The challenges offered by the city increase as the population increases. The populations are steadily increasing as the need for laborers on farms is descreasing due to the new equipment which is replacing manpower. The unemployed have no choice but to seek jobs in an industrial area.

With people moving into cities so rapidly, adequate housing is not available. This is especially true when a crisis is the cause of the big influx. For example, Cuban refugees crowd into Florida and are spread out in our larger cities where the need for better housing facilities is already great. Many cities have not kept up a constant program of slum prevention and find that extreme situations now exist. To help relieve the problem of unhealthy, inadequate living conditions many areas are being torn down. The inhabitants must find new places to live.

Cities are expanding by leaps and bounds. The suburbs have become more desirable sites for better living and downtown churches find their former members have moved away. These churches are being called inner city churches. An inner city church is probably most aware of the problems facing the Church because it is in the midst of the changing city. An inner city church is one that is located in a downtown area where industry has replaced the once residential section. The houses which remain usually become slums and the Church has a completely different type of ministry to perform.

From the turmoil of the city many voices cry out to challenge the Church. One can hear voices of racial difficulties, social injustices, health hazards, economic concerns, and political corruptions crying out to the Church. They say, Help Us! We need your concern and the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

The Racial Challenge

One problem created by the moving of people is the difficulty of fitting into the city life. This is more difficult if the new home is in a neighborhood where one's race or nationality is strange to the residents already living there. Each city must attack the problem of prejudice and bias which is in evidence.

What is prejudice? Every person should carefully examine his attitudes before saying, "I'm not prejudiced." The word actually means to judge before one has the correct knowledge. Many times

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a prejudice which existed because of ignorance may become a bias. Biased feelings can only be removed by inviting the love of Christ to fill our selfish minds with a true love towards all people. Paul reminds us that in Christ there is no Jew or Greek. We could say the same thing for any two groups which are different in our neighborhoods. In the Church, we can find a common bond of Christian brotherhood that should make no racial distinction.

The Social Challenge

People moving from rural areas to the city find a strange environment. The neighbors that were taken for granted are far away, and the nearest person in a city is not always neighborly. An individual who has a deep and abiding faith will seek a church where he can find Christians and worship the one true God. The church can help him to adapt quickly to his new way of life. Many newcomers to the city feel that the church existed back home, but do not look around to find new friends in a new church. These people must be reached as soon as possible or they will not put Christ and His Church first as they struggle to begin anew.

In areas of renewal and redevelopment people are removed from their friends and normal way of life. They, too, need the church and fellowship with Christ's people as they become reestablished in a new area.

The social challenge is especially important in terms of the needs of the youth. Many young people have working parents who give very little guidance to their activities. The church must provide a strong faith which will enable the youth to choose the good, true, and perfect things of God.

The Health Challenge

Most cities have strict health rules regarding public places, but many slum areas go unheeded. Rats are plentiful and sanitary measures unthought of. The Church cannot shut her eyes and ignore the children who are not fed properly because the family money was used for liquor or gambling. We have plentiful food, yet some children are undernourished.

The power of the Gospel has not touched the lives of millions. In the area of mental health the Church has a great responsibility and challenge. Many who are despondent could find reassurance in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. A hurried frustrated pace of living can become peaceful and meaningful when one's life is ordered by the Lord and master of life, Jesus Christ.

Questions for Discussion

1. What challenges face our church in the area of city responsibilities?

2. What can young people do in an inner-city church work?

3. Is it more difficult to be a Christian in a city environment? Discuss the obstacles facing young Christians in the city.

4. How can youth overcome their feelings of prejudice or bias towards minority groups? What can you do to affect community attitudes?

5. What does our society do to welcome new people in our area?

The Economic Challenge

The city offers jobs which provide a means of purchasing power for the workers. This purchasing ability offers a challenge to the Church. Many people can readily see their need of God during times of poverty, but find material things more interesting when prosperity comes their way. The Church must offer vital spiritual influence to help people use their money wisely and to realize that they are stewards of God's goodness.

Students have a serious responsibility in making decisions about how to use their allowances or part-time work income. In the city more opportunities are available for part-time work A young person must prayerfully decide if it is God's will. The job may demand so much time that the church will be neglected.

The Scripture lesson for this topic relates Christ's disgust with the use of the church for a market place. Too many businessmen go to church to gain customers. The church is to be a house of prayer and worship where the Word of Life is presented.

The Political Challenge

A city requires government agencies to work for the benefit of all of the people. It is easy for graft and corruption to creep into city affairs because salaries are seldom sufficient for the city employees. The reputation of being a politician scares many Christians away from running for an office. The Church has a strong responsibility in the area of Christian Citizenship. The Church should speak out on issues to be voted on. All Christians should be informed voters, and the opportunity to serve in office should be accepted by many Christians.

Leader's Conclusion

We have heard some of the challen that face the Church in our chang cities. As Christ looked out over the c of Jerusalem, he wept to see how wick it had become. He depends upon ea Christian to be an example in deali with problems of the city. Many tin the church forgets her purpose as ill trated in the Scripture reading. It w necessary in Jesus' day to have places exchanging money because the Roma controlled Palestine, and because peo came from other countries to worsh at the temple, and their money had be exchanged before local trade w possible. This system of exchange w being carried on in the temple. Wh Christ went into the temple he was ve disturbed to find money changers th and forced them to leave. He even up the tables showing His disapproval this misuse of the temple. The temp of God is to be a house of worship a prayer. The Church has a responsibil to promote the kingdom of God by goi out to meet the challenges confronti her.

Suggestions to Committees

The missionary committee should ha materials available to acquaint membe with the denominational home missio program as well as the local home m sion projects. Provide the names people working at the home missi stations, so they can be placed on inc vidual prayer lists. The committee shou present plans for a home missions proje to be carried out in the local communi in connection with next week's topic.

The church activities committe should look into the local needs regar ing citizenship. They could present po sible Christian citizenship projects f next year's International Society's Citize ship Awards Program. Some areas consider would be the amount of obscen literature available to youth, the harmf effects of dope and cigarettes, the lac of interest in voting, and a fundamenta understanding of communism.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb.	4	Give Them Light	Luke 11:29-3
T. Feb.	5	God Cares	Luke 12:1-1
W. Feb.	6	In Preparation	Luke 12:31-4
T. Feb.	7	Social Leaven	Luke 13:18-2
F. Feb.	8	Compel Them	Luke 14:15-2
S. Feb.	9	Ye Are Salt for the City	Luke 14:25-3
Sun. Feb. 10—Topic: The Changing City Challenges the Church (Race Relations Sunday)			**Luke 19:41-4**

Comments by Mrs. Christian A. Tirre, an elementary school teacher in Columbus, Ohio.

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Acts 1:6-11

Our Aims

1. To better understand Christ's commission to begin in Jerusalem.
2. To see the needs in the community to which the Gospel of Christ can be applied.
3. To plan to do something about the needs we find.

Publicity and Promotion

Have posters placed in strategic areas with such captions as *What On Earth Are You Doing For Heaven's Sake?; Concerned or Indifferent?; Guilty or Not Guilty?; Power or Powerless?* Additional information concerning the Society meeting and an invitation to attend should be included on the poster. The topic should be announced in your church bulletin in advance. Verbal announcements should be made a week in advance and the morning of the Sunday for this topic.

For the Leader

The Scripture reading found in Romans 12 is for provoking thought. The text to be used with the presentation of the topic is Acts 1:6-11. The period for conversational prayer is vital. For those who are unfamiliar with this method of prayer the following information will help.

You should introduce the prayer period as a time of conversation with the Lord. No one person prays at any length, but must limit his prayer to one or two sentences although he may pray as many times as he desires. Everyone prays a sentence or two about the same thing but from their own conviction. The leader directs the group from one item for prayer on to another. As was stated anyone may pray as many times as he desires but no more then the suggested time limit. It is suggested that the period begin with praise and adoration of God and from there lead into thanksgiving for specific things; petition concerning the topic; and intercession for others involved. Close the period with a prayer of commitment.

Alternate Methods

The use of a film or a filmstrip followed with a period of discussion can prove to be a rewarding meeting. Family Filmstrips that can be used with this topic are: *Faith that Influences Behaviour, Our Eyes Play Tricks, Influencing Others for Good,* and *Teenagers and Witnessing.* Whenever using a film or a filmstrip it is always best to preview it so that you know its content and can provoke intelligent discussion following its showing.

A social worker or minister from an inner-city church could be the guest with a panel of young people directing questions to him in the style of *Meet the Press.*

Another method of presentation could be a court scene dialogue with individuals from the society playing the part of the judge, the bailiff, and the prosecuting attorney. The jury could act as a panel discussion. The needy areas of concern could come forward to bring accusation against the church for indifference, unconcern, and neglect of the commands of Christ. After all the testimony has been heard, the judge (the leader) would pass sentence and give the conclusion.

It is of utmost importance that the leader have this program planned well in advance no matter what method of presentation he uses. The program should be set up according to the real needs of the group, with methods and materials arranged ahead of time for the type of presentation you plan. Materials for group use should be arranged for early, if film-strips or speakers are to be used, see that this is taken care of well in advance of the meeting. Promote the meeting with vitality, variety, and enthusiasm. Back it up with much specific prayer.

Leader's Introduction

(Read the text in Acts 1:6-11 calling attention to verse 8.)

As you can see from this particular verse we are to be witnesses for our Saviour beginning at home, Jerusalem, and extending into the far reaching corners of the world. Jesus promises us a present possession of power to be His witness and a Person, the Holy Spirit, to be our personal Guide and strength. You will notice the fact that the command to be a witness starts right here at home — where we live — now! Our Home Mission service begins in our individual lives and in our society. (Write Home Missions on the chalk board: Have the group suggest areas they consider to be Home Missions. You might have the following ready to add to the list: *The unchurched in our own community; Promotion for clean literature; Trailer Parks; Traffic Safety Programs; Day Camps; Promotion of the proper observance of the Lord's Day; Migrant work.)*

Have the group discuss together the factual knowledge they have relating to these groups. You can develop further discussion by using the *Questions for Discussion.*

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Opening Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said The Master*

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-11

Hymns: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee; Rise Up, O Men of God; O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Announcements

Offering and Prayer

Special Music: Instrumental or vocal using *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Leader's Introduction

Topic

Conversational Prayer

Hymn: use prayer chorus *Spirit Of The Living God*

Benediction

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Following the discussion of the questions distribute the leaflet *A Vital Program For Youth* containing *Venture With Christ* suggestions, these are available free from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Go over sections 3 under Evangelize, 2 under Train, and 4 under Serve. Have the group share just what they are doing as individuals in these areas, and discuss what they are doing as a Society. In conclusion have the group formulate positive ways and projects they can and will endeavor to conduct in these needy areas.

Leader's Conclusion

Whatever one's opinion is about the Christian life, the fact remains and is obvious to all that the Christian is not nor should be in a vacuum. We are members of a community whether for good or for evil. As a result we find that we have definite social relationships. First of all, as Christian young people we do have personal relationships. First with ourselves, remembering to be quite frank about those things that are not pleasing to God or others. Then and so very important, we have our personal relationship to God through our Saviour. This relationship necessitates a daily devotional life and a witnessing life.

As a normal result of our personal relationship to and with our Saviour we are brought to realize that our mission as a Christian involves our relationship to our family. This contact should result in respect, honor and obedience to parents and other members of the family.

Looking further on into our consideration we find that we have a specific responsibility to our church as a local organization as well as to the invisible Church. Our primary allegiance is to Jesus Christ. We must seek to live in creative harmony with the rest of the body of Christ. For we have a Mission beginning right here at home. We have a duty towards those in our own community. We must be very loving and charitable in our judgements and gentle in criticism of others. We must be careful not to be a hindrance or a stumbling block to others. Indifference, alone, is one of the greatest enemies to the ongoing of the work of the Lord in any area. Unconcern for the needs and spiritual welfare of others around us causes great setbacks in the advancement of the Gospel. Just how interested are we for those young people in our own church who never come to Christian Endeavor and its activities? When did you last invite another person to the society? Why or why not?

Questions for Discussion

1. In what ways are we as young people showing interest and concern for the unchurched people in our own area? How often have we conducted a canvass or had a survey in our area? If nothing is being done, what are the reasons for this lack? What can our society do to reach the unchurched young people for Jesus Christ?

2. Where are the places that unclean reading matter may be purchased or read? What should our attitude be concerning this kind of reading matter for the growing Christian? What steps can we take to get rid of unclean literature in our area? (You may suggest the use of good, wholesome reading material by the group and have on display some books from the church library.)

3. (Have the group read together Isaiah 58:13,14 concerning the use of the Lord's Day.) What are some of the modern day problems we face concerning the proper observance of the Lord's Day? (Have the group suggest ways they can spend Sunday properly and in keeping with the Word of God, such as: attendance at Sunday school, morning and evening services, youth meetings, singspirations, additional personal Bible study, visiting sick and shut-in, visiting prospective members for the group, resting.) How is proper keeping of the Lord's Day a witness for Jesus Christ?

And lest we forget, the Christian has a definite duty and relationship to other groups and causes because of our calling to be witnesses for the cause of Christ. The underlying factor or principle in all of our relationships is genuine, self-less Spirit-energized love. (Study Romans 13:8-14 and I Corinthians 13) If this love is a vital growing part of our experience it then is "fulfilling the law."

The Scriptures have much to say concerning our ministry here in our own home area. It is almost unthinkable to believe that we can be a witness or missionary in other places of the world if we are not doing so right here and now. As a result of our thinking and discussion tonight, may we pledge ourselves to fulfill our obedience to our mighty Saviour in presenting the Gospel in all areas of our community, beginning here and now where we are.

Suggested Projects

This unit of two topics on Home Missions should spark a desire in the group to want to carry out a project that will help to meet a need in the community as well as to witness for Jesus Christ.

Each community is different and there are many projects that could be sponsored. It will be necessary through t discussion of the last two meetings a the help of the Church Activity co mittee to decide what project the gro could pursue in order to give re meaning to these two topic discussions

The following suggestions are giv to help you in deciding on a situati of need. Adapt them to your own loc situation.

1. Offer to help in the services of rescue mission if you have one in yo community. It would be enlightening f the society to visit and tour a resc mission.

2. Organize a Bible club to meet Saturday mornings for Juniors. Yo counselor and pastor can help you this.

3. Perhaps there are elderly peop in the community that would like attend church but are unable to. Yo society might make arrangements bring tape recorded services to the each week.

4. Check with your pastor on th possibility of conducting a neighborhoo canvass to discover those who do n attend church. Remember to follo through on this project. See that th individuals contacted are invited to th activities of the church.

5. Sponsor a Lord's Day observanc Urge Christians to not buy items suc as food on Sunday. Help the communit to see that Sunday should be a day o rest and worship.

6. Make plans to invite a youth grou of another nationality or race to one o your Sunday night meetings.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 11	Elders, Men of God	Titus
T. Feb. 12	Perpetuate Godly Ideas	Titus
W. Feb. 13	Deacons, Men of God	I Timothy
T. Feb. 14	Peter Preaches the Word	Acts 2:14-4
F. Feb. 15	Philip Preaches the Word	Acts 8:5-2
S. Feb. 16	All Preach the Word	Acts 8:1-
Sun. Feb. 17—Topic: Begin Here		**Acts 1:6-1**

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

What Are You For?

Romans 13:8-14

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service
all to Worship: "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name; make His praise glorious." Ps. 66:1,2.
ymns: *Challenge of the New Day; Stand Up for Jesus."*
nnouncements and Offering
cripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14
pecial Music: *Near to the Heart of God* (Solo or quartet)
entence Prayers
eader's Introduction
alks on the Topic
uestions for Discussion
ractical Problems
ymn: *For Christ and the Church*
enediction

or Publicity

At the top of your poster write, *Is Character Just a Matter of Chance?* elow this sentence draw a wheel of ortune, every other space being shaded. elow it, give the topic, leader, time nd special music.

o the Leader

This is one of the most important opics you can lead, for it is to encourage oung people not to be satisfied with nerely not doing wrong, but to be active n doing things which are right. Begin our preparation early during the month, hecking off item after item in the Prepaation Chart given above as you get them ompleted. Your friends will expect you o have something good, and there will e unexpected visitors on whom you will vant to make a good impression. Beome thoroughly familiar with the Scripure and the daily Bible readings, and ray during the month that the hearts f all who come may be prepared for he topic which will be presented.

If you are new and inexperienced, you night like to ask someone to assist you, nd be co-leader, taking turns anouncing the parts of the program, but f you have led before, go right ahead y yourself. Do not be afraid, but do our best, and be sure that God will help ou to present a successful meeting. Even if you feel that what you say isn't very important, please remember that the Holy Spirit will take your words and strike responsive chords in the hearts of those who listen.

Take your place in the meeting room a few minutes before starting time, so you will be composed, and have poise as you stand before the group for the meeting.

Leader's Introduction

Back in ancient times, God sought to protect people and property by giving some basic laws to the children of Israel, which have come to be known as the Ten Commandments. Most of them are negative "Thou shalt not's," and were intended to restrain people from doing evil. You learned them as Juniors. I wonder if you would like to join me in repeating them just now? *(Omit this if you cannot repeat them.)*

Now I wonder if you can repeat any ten of the commandments of Jesus. Let's see how many we can think of in a few minutes time *(pause for responses from the group).*

You will perhaps have noticed that most of Jesus' commandments are *do's* instead of *don'ts.* Jesus knew that a person could *not* do evil, not get into trouble, not be taken to jail, and yet not know God, nor grow spiritually at all! So He gave not ten, but several times that number, and in almost every instance they were positive in nature—something to do which would develop people spiritually, instead of something not to do.

Most young people are still living by the old Ten Commandments which Moses gave. They feel if they are not doing evil they are pretty good folks, but the lack of evil doesn't make a person good, anymore than the lack of weeds makes a garden. There has to be something planted, both in the garden, and in the life, if there is anything to be gained. You say, "I don't smoke, drink, lie, steal, etc." So what? Just what do you do that is good? Let us hear what you are *for,* rather than what you don't do, as we discuss our topic this evening.

Preparation Chart

Topic studied? _____

Parts assigned? _____

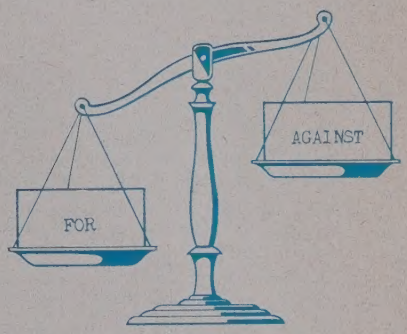
Songs chosen? _____

Pianist and song leader notified? _____

Special Music arranged? _____

Cards mailed? Poster made? _____

Prospects invited? _____



Talks on the Topic

1. *(Please tell in your own words.)* In beginning the discussion of our topic, "What Are You For?" I will say, *"I am for honesty in daily living."* There are temptations to be dishonest on every hand—to cheat in examinations, to not earn the salary we are getting, to take money from the cash register when the boss is at lunch, and to turn out poor work when good work is expected. Suppose there were no law of honesty, and everybody might steal if he could get by with it. We would become a nation of thieves, and nobody could be sure he would be able to keep his possessions. Missionaries tell us that this is just what happens in heathen lands. Things are constantly disappearing, and it is not only an awful annoyance, but an expensive situation as well.

2. *(Please tell in your own words).* Character does not come by chance, but by spiritual values which are consciously built into the life. I am for *truthfulness,* because it is a foundation stone in character. The man who will lie, will usually do any number of other

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evil things, and you never know when you can trust him. It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who said, "The devil has many tools, but falsehood is the handle which will fit into all of them." We just don't like liars, and don't want to be around them.

God has only contempt for the person who will lie, and he isn't going to have any of them in heaven. In Revelation 21:8, after listing those who have committed the grosser crimes, it concludes, ". . . and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Let us make sure that we never deliberately tell things which are not true.

3. *(Please tell in your own words).* I am for *kindness* in daily living. There are people who believe the Bible from cover to cover, and would start a great fuss if somebody began to present some false teaching in the church, who are not kind to their wives, and who treat their children cruelly. I am for sound doctrine, but unless a person is kind, it spoils all the good things which he believes. We must put this good principle to work, so that all men shall know that we practice what we believe and are sons of God. Young people sometimes are insolent to their parents, and hateful to younger brothers and sisters, and then wonder why they are not happy, and life has such little meaning. Solomon, the wise man of old, said, in describing a virtuous woman, "In her tongue is the law of kindness." Happiness is a by-product of kindness. If you haven't discovered it by now, try it and see.

4. *(Please tell in your own words).* I am for *love,* and I don't mean the Hollywood kind, in which men lie, cheat, fight and kill, in order to steal somebody else's wife. That isn't love, and is proved by the fact that those who portray such scenes on the screen, find it bitterly disappointing in real life, and are utterly wretched.

Love is a divine gift, and it comes not by self-seeking, but by self-giving. It is the response of the soul to the lovable qualities in the life of another. If nobody loves you, don't blame them, but yourself. You just don't as yet have lovable qualities, or they would bring a response in the heart of others. Paul, in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians gives a description of love, which, if imitated, will bring love to you: Love suffers long, and is kind . . . doesn't envy, or exalt itself . . . isn't puffed up, and doesn't behave indecently, isn't easily provoked, and doesn't think about evil. This kind of love will bring happiness, and bless the lives of all.

Questions for Discussion

1. What qualities are most lacking in young people today?

2. What things keep young people from growing spiritually?

3. If young people will follow competent leadership, why don't we have more and better leaders?

4. What can be done to put a stop to gangs and mobs among high school young people?

5. What sinister influences are present in your high school, and what can be done about them?

5. *(Please tell in your own words).* I believe in *Christian citizenship.* Around the world, Christian Endeavorers are faced with the growing menace of communism which has as its goal the destruction of governments, and particularly the destruction of the Christian religion. In communist countries, churches have been burned and ministers killed; missionaries have been driven from the land, and Christians persecuted and imprisoned. Religion is being forced out of the public schools, and prayers may not be spoken aloud. Young people ought to watch for communist teachings which are being planted in many areas of life. In some countries efforts are being made to banish Christmas, Easter and other festivals of the church, because they are a vital witness to the great truths of Christianity.

Moral standards have been lowered, and homes are being broken and undermined. It is time that we take a definite stand, before an evil minority completely gains control.

6. *(Please tell in your own words).* I am for *prayer.* It is the only means we have of communicating with God, making known to Him our needs, and telling Him of our joys and sorrows. "But how do you pray?" a certain person asked one day, who for years had heard public prayers uttered by others. Prayer is simply conversation with God. It is talking to Him just as you would talk to an earthly parent. If there are things you want which you cannot get by your own efforts, ask for them. If there have been sins, and you are truly sorry, and desire never to do them again, they will be forgiven. If you need guidance in making choices, or have problems which need solving, help will be given. If you are weak, and find it easy to do wrong, strength will be given. God is a good Father to all who sincerely want to know and do His will, and prayer is your chance to get the things which you need to be the person that God wants you to be.

7. *(Please tell in your own words).* I am for *fellowship with God.* This is the best part of prayer, for through our association with Him, God becomes real to us. As we come to know Him we appreciate Him for His greatness, wisdom and power, and we love Him for His goodness in providing a Saviour from sin. As the little girl said, "I like it best when the praying is over, and I am just chatting with God." God does like to chat with us, and if we will be quiet and listen, He will put wonderful thoughts into our minds, and give to us the solution to our problems. Let's not quickly ask what we want, say Amen, and then hurry away. Let's take time to visit with Him every day during our Quiet Hour.

Practical Problems

1. "I try to talk Christianity to the kids at school, but they seek to avoid it, and I feel it makes me unpopular," said Tom Dailey. Do young people resent being invited to attend Christian Endeavor, or being asked to discuss religion?

2. "Young people believe a lot of good things, but when it comes to a showdown, they are afraid to stand up for the right," declared Linda Doane. Is that true? Why, or why not?

Things to Do

1. Organize a club of all Christian young people to see that Christian standards prevail on the campus.

2. Be ready with some kind of promise to God as a result of this discussion to be given silently at the Consecration Service next Sunday.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Feb. 18 For My House Joshua 24:14-15
T. Feb. 19 For Good Thoughts Philippians 4:1-9
W. Feb. 20 For Good Deeds Colossians 3:1-17
T. Feb. 21 For Good Citizenship Luke 20:19-26
F. Feb. 22 For Spiritual Growth II Peter 3:11-18
S. Feb. 23 For Preaching Christ Acts 17:16-34
Sun. Feb. 24—Topic: What Are You For? Romans 13:8-14

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for February

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Fellowship with Christ's People"
I Corinthians 1:9-25; Acts 2:37-47

he fourth basic principle of Christian ndeavor is "Fellowship with Christ's eople." Discuss what might be done for niors, youth, and Golden Age folk in ur church. Is there need for coun-lors, Sunday school teachers, Scout aders, or choir participants that your ciety members can meet? Take a look your county, state, or provincial union. ow could your members activate or ssist it? Are the young people in the ea having fellowship with other de-ominations, races, or localities? Active nions make this possible. Discuss the enefit this affords youth in everyday fe and their future. How familiar your group with the program activi-es, and literature of the International ociety of Christian Endeavor? Use its any and varied materials; introduce em to others. How can International elp your society? What can your so-iety do for International?

Overcoming Prejudices
(three topics)

. God's Other Children
Matthew 5:38-48; Acts 17:24-28

y definition, prejudice is "previous and nfavorable judgment; pre-judgment ithout due examination; hurt, impair, damage in any way." This alone suffices to prove prejudice unfair and unchristian. It must be our constant effort to overcome it, wherever found. One of the most evident areas of prejudice is toward *other races.* This issue rends and tests our nation today. What are the causes? Give illustrations of discrimination and the remedy for each. Minority groups vary in different localities. Discuss the races or groups in these various areas which bear the burdens of prejudice. Why is it more acute in one area than another? Why is Christian Endeavor obligated to do more in overcoming such prejudice? What can your group do actively? What can each individual do in a practical witness?

2. "With Malice toward None"
Luke 6:30-38; Mark 12:28-34

Study the definition of prejudice. What does it say of our attitude toward *other nations?* Too often we reach conclusions and act on them without due examination of all the issues. What are current areas of national prejudice? Do these stem from known fact or from ignorance? Or from false propaganda? How can thinking people determine the difference? Suppose you were the secretary of state. What new national policies would you inaugurate? What would you eliminate? Why? Also suppose yourself the head of some nation that shows malice toward your country. What would you protest? And protect? Since you *are a* Christian, with divine power available, what are you willing to do personally in helping overcome prejudice?

3. Sheep in Other Folds

Acts 10:9-16; II Corinthians 12:19-21
Review the definition of prejudice. Think of it now in terms of those in *other religions* or those who hold creeds different from yours. In stoutly maintaining one's witness, is it possible that he will discriminate against others? In what way? Freedom of religion is constitutionally guaranteed. Do we support it by personal attitudes? Do we honestly believe God has sheep in other folds? Name some of them. Survey recent newspapers. In what areas do we find trends toward preferential treatment of certain religious groups? Is it prejudice to oppose it? What does Jesus teach about our attitudes toward others? At times we personally see or experience prejudice in action. As Christians what should be our attitude? Our action?

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

More Opportunities for Service

By Phyllis G. Brown

This supplements Miss Brown's article which appeared in he November 1962 isue.)

ADULT GROUPS can roll out the welcome mat to their church for foreigners within the community—students t schools or universities, or those in military service or usiness representatives.

A church in Virginia near the Fort Lee Quartermaster chool has reached a number of Oriental army officers there hrough providing classes in Chinese and in Korean, offering ransportation to church functions, and its members taking he officers home for Sunday dinner and family style enter-ainment. It also supplies the men with Bibles in their ative languages. For some this is their first real contact vith Christianity and several have joined the church.

"The foreign officers who come here . . . have a great leal of influence in their own countries. We believe that when we send one of these men home a Christian we have done something more important than sending a missionary overseas," says the church's pastor. Often they actively assist the mission work when they return home, he reports. But even if the officers remain uncommitted or cling to their original faith, Immanuel Baptist Church in Colonial Heights eels it has performed an important function by giving them a deeper understanding of Christian ideals as a souvenir of their stay in America.

WITH COMMUNISM claiming one-third of the world's peoples and one-fourth of its land surface, Christians must be more zealous or we may be "too late with too little," for only spiritual strength can combat the deadly menace of Communism which seeks to enslave the human mind and spirit.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, urges that we teach "the student to better understand and appreciate the freedoms enjoyed here—freedoms brutally denied to the subjects of communist regimes . . . to develop the moral character and intellectual capacities of those who will some day direct this Nation's destiny . . . upholding our heritage of freedom." He further stresses that "Our boys and girls must be made aware that the alarming extent of crime and corruption in this Nation threatens to sap our society of its moral strength" and urges a healthy respect for the laws of our land, protecting the individual's rights, life and property.

To bring this into focus, adult groups need to take a look at our churches, schools, and community to instill CHRISTIAN citizenship practices.

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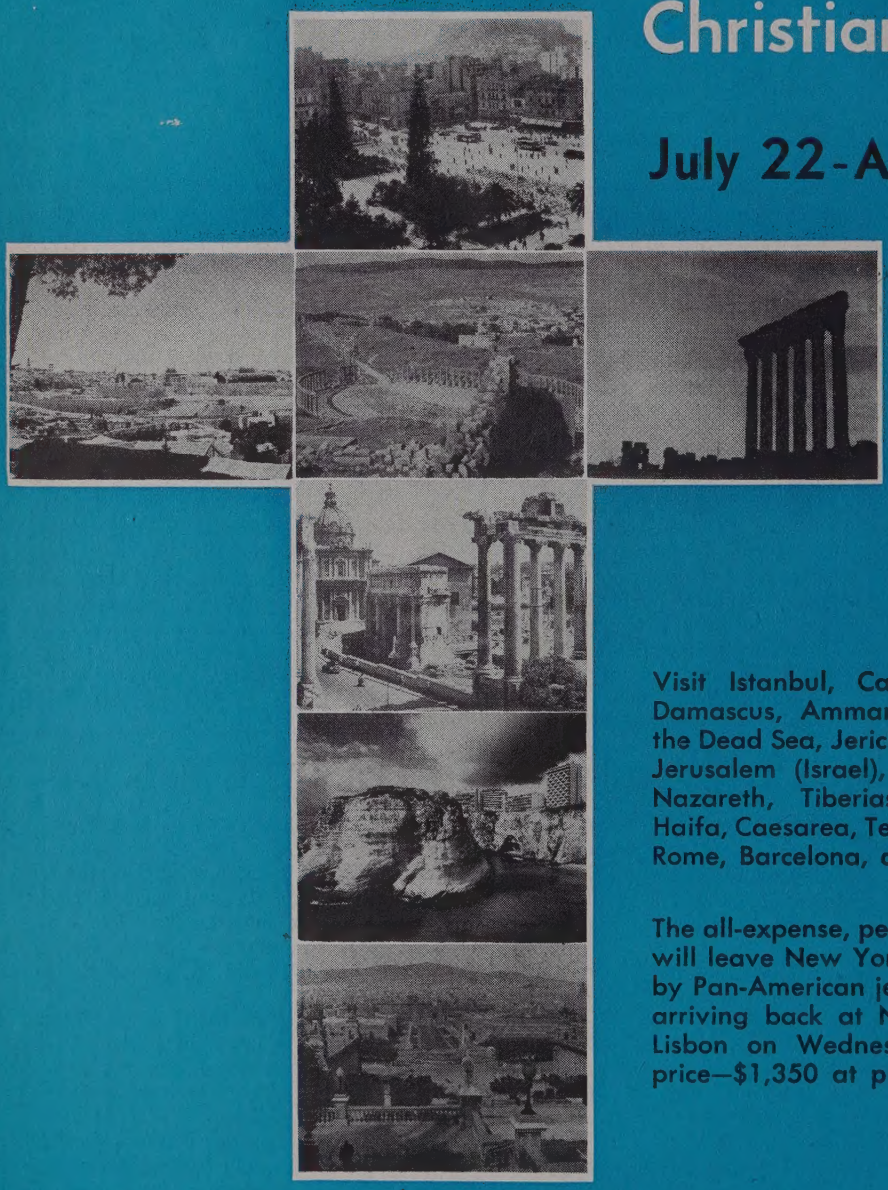

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